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SOUTH AFRICAN ASCOMYCETES

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PART III.

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have been examined and the nomenclature revised accordingly.

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86. Hysterographium Fraxini (Pers), De Not., var. Oleastri, Desm.

Syll. Fung. II, p. 776.

On twigs of Olea verrucosa, Wellington, Cape Province, November, 1910, Doidge [990]. Perithecia scattered on entirely or partially decorticated twigs, superficial, straight, or occasionally slightly curved, ellipsoid, hard, black, rounded at the ends, 0·75–1·5 mm. long, 0·5–0·7 mm. broad; longitudinal fissure smooth, with swollen inflexed lips; asci clavate, rounded at the apex, briefly pedicellate, 170–210 × 34–45 μ , eight-spored, paraphysate; paraphyses filiform, flexuous; spores distichous, ellipsoid-oblong, very slightly constricted at the medial septum, muriform with 7–9 transverse and 2–3 longitudinal septa, fuscous, 34–36 × 16–18 μ .

87. Hysterographium spinicolum, sp. nov.

On thorns of Acacia spirocarpoides, Weenen, Natal, 30.7.12 [2542].

Perithecia scattered, oriented with their length parallel with the long axis of the thorn, linear, 0.5-1.5 mm. long, 0.3-0.4 mm. broad, acutely rounded at both ends, black, carbonaceous, lips at first closely connivent, finally open in the middle, forming an elliptic aperture exposing the reddish-brown disk; asci paraphysate, linear-oblong, eight-spored, pedicellate, $130-140\times13-16.5~\mu$; paraphyses filiform, numerous; spores monostichous or subdistichous, slightly constricted at the medial septum, golden-brown, oblong to ellipsoid, muriform, with 5–6 transverse septa and 1–2 longitudinal septa, $20-22\times8-10~\mu$.

Hysterographium spinicolum, Doidge, sp. nov.

Perithecia sparsa, lineares, $0.5-1.5 \times 0.3-0.4$ mm., utrinque acutiuscula, atra, carbonacea, longitudinaliter rimosa, dein aperta; asci paraphysati, oblongo-lineares, octospori, stipitati, $130-140 \times 13-16.5~\mu$; paraphysibus numerosis, linearibus; sporae monostichae v. subdistichae, medio leniter constrictae, luteo-brunneae, oblongae v. ellipticae, muriformae, transverse 5–6 septatae, in longitudinem 1–2 septatae, $20-22 \times 8-10~\mu$.

Hab. in spinis Acaciae spirocarpoides, Weenen, Natal, 30.7.12 [2542].

88. Hysterographium Acaciae, n. sp.

On bark of Acacia giraffae, Smitskraal, Boshof District, Orange Free State, 22.9.11,

Burtt-Davy [1904].

Perithecia gregarious, at first almost spherical, later somewhat elliptic, up to 0.5 mm. diameter, black, carbonaceous, lips closely connivent; asci oblong or clavate, paraphysate, eight-spored, somewhat thickened round the apex, briefly pedicellate, $100-120 \times 18-21~\mu$; paraphyses filiform; spores distichous, ellipsoid, not constricted, fuscous, muriform, with 6-8 transverse and 1-2 longitudinal septa, $27-30 \times 10~\mu$.

Hysterographium Acaciae, Doidge, n. sp.

Perithecia gregaria, elliptica v. rotundata, atra, carbonacea, 0.5 mm. diametro, labiis arcte conniventibus; asci oblongi v. clavati, paraphysati, octospori, apice parum incrassati, breve stipitati, $100-120\times18-21~\mu$; paraphysibus linearibus; sporae distichae ellipticae, non constrictae, fuscae, muriformae, transverse 6–8 septatae, in longitudinem 1–2 septatae, $27-30\times10~\mu$.

Hab. in corticis Acaciae giraffae, Boshof District, 22.9.11, leg. Burtt-Davy [1904].

89. Cyclotheca Bosciae, n. sp.

On leaves of Boscia caffra, Ebb and Flow, Wilderness, George District, 10.5.23, Doidge [17125].

Forms on the leaves numerous, subcircular, brown spots 2.5 mm. diameter, most conspicuous on the under surface, less sharply defined, but visible on the upper surface and showing concentric zoning; old spots are thin and somewhat translucent. Intramatrical hypostroma very copious, consisting of closely interwoven hyaline hyphae, and penetrating right through the mesophyll. Hyphal strands from the hypostroma grow through the numerous stomata in the lower epidermis and produce the thinly crustaceous, dull-black, superficial ascostromata. Loculi linear, irregular in form and size, curved or bent, closely crowded, and dehiscing by longitudinal slits. Hypothecium thin, colourless; outer wall of loculi radial in structure, consisting of hyphae about 3.5 μ thick. Asci paraphysate, not staining blue with iodine, sessile, saccate or cylindrical, eight-spored, not thickened round the apex, 33.3–46.6 \times 10–13.3 μ ; paraphyses not numerous, filiform, septate. Spores two-celled, hyaline, subdistichous, 11.6–13.3 \times 8.3 μ , upper cell slightly broader and more broadly rounded than lower.

Cyclotheca Bosciae, Doidge, n. sp.

Stromata superficialia, 2-5 mm. diametro, hypophylla ex hypostromate incolore, subepidermali, copiose per stromata numerosa prorumpente oriunda; loculis linearibus, gregariis, irregularibus; hypothecio tenue incolore; asci paraphysati, saccati v. cylindracei, octospori, $33\cdot3-46\cdot6\times10-13\cdot3$ μ ; sporae 1-septatae, hyalinae, $11\cdot6-13\cdot3\times8\cdot3$ μ , loculo supero parum latiore.

Hab. in foliis Bosciae caffrae, Wilderness, George District, 10.5.23, leg. Doidge [17125].

90. Macowaniella myrsinicola, n. sp.

On leaves of Myrsine melanophleos, Greytown, Natal, 16.2.22, Doidge [15529]; Montagu Pass Road, George District, 9.5.23, Doidge [17105].

Conidial stage only: Claridge, Natal, 31.5.15, Doidge [8995]; East London, 24.11.17,

Doidge [10908].

Stromata epiphyllous, round, superficial, up to 2 mm. diameter, crowded towards the midrib of the leaf, often in contact with one another, but the outline of each circular stroma is always evident and they do not become merged into a continuous mass. Loculi elliptic, straight, or branched and irregular in form, scattered or in small groups, and sometimes arranged more or less in a circle, but not with their axes on radiating lines, $330-480 \times 175-320~\mu$, $50-70~\mu$ high, dehiscing by a longitudinal slit. Hypothecium delicate, pseudocellular: covering membrane radial in structure. Asci paraphysate, ovate to clavate, eight-spored, thickened round the apex, briefly pedicellate, not staining blue with

iodine, $40\text{--}44 \times 20\text{--}23~\mu$. Spores fuscous, distichous or subtristichous, two-celled, ellipsoid, rounded at both ends, $17\text{--}20 \times 7.5\text{--}8.5~\mu$, cells subequal, or upper cell somewhat shorter and broader than the lower. Hypostroma epidermal and subepidermal: there is a distinct layer of colourless mycelium between the epidermis and the palisade cells, with hyphae extending downwards into the latter, but the hypostroma is much less strongly developed than in *Macowaniella congesta*. Superficial mycelium fuscous; hyphae $3\text{--}3.5~\mu$ thick, tortuous, branching irregularly and anastomosing, bearing small, dark-brown, one-celled hemispherical hyphopodia, $6\text{--}6.5 \times 3~\mu$. Conidiophores erect, dark-brown, $13\text{--}16 \times 3.5~\mu$, bearing at their tips conidia similar in form to those of *Asterodothis solaris*: conidia four-celled, brown, cylindrical or club-shaped, straight or slightly curved; somewhat constricted at the septa, $37\text{--}44 \times 6.5\text{--}7~\mu$.

Macowaniella myrsinicola, Doidge, n. sp.

Stromata ascophora epiphylla, rotundata, usque 2 mm. diametro, hypostromate epidermale et subepidermale oriunda, pluries affixa; loculi elliptici, recti v. furcati, sparsi v. subgregarii, 330–480 \times 175–320 μ , 50–70 μ alti, hypothecio tenue; asci aparaphysati, ovati v. clavati, octospori, apice incrassati, breviter stipitati, 40–44 \times 20–23 μ ; sporae fuscae, distichae v. subtristichae, ellipticae, utrinque rotundatae, loculis subaequalibus v. loculo supero parum breviore et latiore, 17–20 \times 7·5–8·5 μ ; mycelium epiphyllum fuscum, ex hyphis 3–3·5 μ latis, tortuosis, ramosis compositum; hyphopodia parva, brunnea, continua, hemisphaerica, 6–6·5 \times 3 μ ; conidiis 3-septatis, brunneis, cylindraceis v. clavatis, 37–44 \times 6·5–7 μ .

Hab. in foliis Myrsine melanophleos, Greytown, Natal, 16.2.22, leg. Doidge [15529].

91. Polyrhizon Celastri, n. sp.

On leaves of Celastrus acuminatus, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17207].

Epiphyllous, on yellow-brown leaf spots, up to 5 mm. diameter; opposite the centre of each collective stroma there is a yellowish spot visible on the lower side of the leaf; each collective stroma is composed of a large number of single stromata developing in concentric rings. Single stromata crowded, spherical in outline, 300–600 μ in diameter, irregular in height, 30–50 μ : outer wall opaque, radiating in structure, consisting at the margin of brown hyphae, 4–5 μ thick. Each stroma has only a few loculi, arranged round a central sterile column which is connected with the dark epidermal hypostroma; the peripheral part of the stroma lies free on the surface of the leaf. Hypothecium pseudocellular, pale fuscous. Asci paraphysate, eight-spored (material rather old and asci not well seen); spores dark-brown, opaque, almost black, two-celled, constricted, smooth, $26-28.5 \times 11.5-13.5 \mu$, upper cell somewhat broader.

Polyrhizon Celastri, Doidge, n. sp.

Stromata epiphylla, orbicularia, usque 5 mm. diametro, e pluribus ascomatibus circinantibus concreta; ascomata partialia pede centrali epidermide innata v. marginem radiatim ex hyphis 4–5 μ crasses contexta, 300–600 μ diametro, 30–50 μ alta, loculi pauci, immersi; asci octospori, paraphysati; sporae atro-brunneae, opacae, 1-septatae, constrictae, leves, 26–28·5 \times 11·5–13·5 μ , loculo supero paullo latiore.

Hab. in foliis Celastri acuminati, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, leg. Doidge.

[17207].

92. Hysterostoma Faureae, n. sp.

On leaves of Faurea McNaughtonii, Gouna Forest, Knysna District, 23.5.23, Phillips [17293].

Stromata epiphyllous, less frequently hypophyllous, numerous, dull-black, minute, 300-400 μ diameter, elevated in the centre into a slight papilla, which eventually breaks away and forms an irregularly circular opening. The stroma is surrounded by a fringe of radiating hyphae, which are brown, 4-6 μ thick, frequently septate, often adhering by their

lateral walls and forming strands of 2–3 hyphae, and bearing a few hemispherical hyphopodia. The radiating hyphae often give rise to smaller secondary stromata, and thus form groups

which are up to 2 mm. diameter.

The loculi are solitary or few in each stroma, round or irregular in outline, 70–90 μ high. The covering membrane is composed of radiating hyphae 3–3·5 μ thick. The hypothecium is thin, hyaline, and composed of delicate hyphae: it is connected at many points with the subcuticular hypostroma. Hypostroma hyaline, lying between the cuticle and the epidermis and causing disorganization and discoloration of the contents of the epidermal cells. Asci paraphysate, eight-spored, clavate or narrow ovate, slightly thickened round the apex, 45–50 \times 20–23 μ , not staining blue with iodine. Spores olivaceous-brown, distichous, two-celled, constricted, 20–23 \times 8·5–10 μ ; they appear to be surrounded by a mucilaginous envelope when immature; upper cell broader and more broadly rounded than the lower.

Hysterostoma Faureae, Doidge, n. sp.

Stromata epiphylla, sparsa, atra, minuta, 300–400 μ diametro, ex hypostromate sub, cuticulari oriunda, pluries affixa, periphice in hyphas radiantes dissoluta. Hyphabrunneae, 4–6 μ crassae, hyphopodiis paucis hemisphericis. Loculi pauci vel solitarii, 70–90 μ alti, hypothecio tenue. Asci paraphysati, octospori, clavati v. ovati, apice lenitee incrassati, 45–50 \times 20–23 μ . Sporae distichae, 1-septatae, constrictae, brunneaer 20–23 \times 8·5–10 μ , loculo supero latiore.

93. Palawaniella Dovyalidis, n. sp.

On leaves of Dovyalis rhamnoides, Ebb and Flow, Wilderness, George District,

15.5.23, Doidge [17117]; Bathurst District, 14.7.19, Doidge [12347].

Ascigerous stromata, epiphyllous, dull-black, opaque, carbonaceous, attached to the leaf at many points, superficial, minute, 190 μ diameter, or up to 360 \times 200 μ , forming groups up to 5 mm. diameter, developing centrifugally, outer wall very opaque, radiating in structure, composed of hyphae about 5 μ thick. Hypostroma well developed in the epidermal cells under each ascostroma, forming dense knots of hyphae in the epidermal cells, which are hyaline for the most part, but fuscous where they are connected by numerous delicate processes with the superficial hypothecium. These knots of hyphae in the epidermal cells are connected by delicate subepidermal strands, which also penetrate between the palisade cells. Loculi 1–2 in each stroma, opening by a round pore or by stellate fissures in the outer wall. Loculi flat, hypothecium thin. Asci four-spored, paraphysate, clavate, sessile or with a short foot, thickened round the apex, 33–40 \times 13·5–16·5 μ . Spores pale fuscous, two-celled, not constricted, clavate, 15–18 \times 5–6·3 μ , upper cell much longer than the lower, lower cell not more than 3·5 μ long. Pycnidia similar to the ascostromata, conidia hyaline, subspherical to ellipsoid, 6·5–13·5 \times 5–6·5 μ .

Palawaniella Dovyalidis, Doidge, n. sp.

Stromatis ascigeris epiphyllis, tota longitudine matrice adnatis, superficialibus, atris, opacis, carbonaceis, sparsis, minutis, rotundatis v. ovalibus, 190 μ diametro v. 360 \times 200 μ , saepe plus minus confluentibus et tunc usque 5 mm. diametro, in medio crassis, marginem v. tenuoribus, radiatim ex hyphis 5 μ crassis contextis; hypostromate epidermide bene, subepidermide parum evoluto; loculis in stromatibus singulis v. duobus, tandem poro rotundo v. stellatim disrumpentibus; hypothecio tenue; ascis 4-sporis, paraphysatis, clavatis, sessilibus v. breve stipitatis, apice incrassatis 33–40 \times 13·5–16·5 μ ; sporis fuscis, clavatis, 1-septatis, haud constrictis, 15–18 \times 5–6·3 μ , loculo supero longiore, infero ca. 3·5 μ longo.

Hab. in foliis *Dovyalidis rhamnoides*, Wilderness, George District, 15.5.23, leg. Doidge [17117].

94. Asterinella Pterocelastri, n. sp.

On leaves of *Pterocelastrus variabilis*, var. *tricuspidatus*, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17190]; Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17222].

Hypophyllous, forming thin irregularly circular, sooty blotches up to 1 cm. diameter, often confluent and covering larger areas of the leaf; mycelium copious, reticulate, composed of pale fuscous hyphae 3–4 μ thick; hyphae straight or subtorulose, without hyphopodia, branching and anastomosing profusely; thyriothecia fuscous, only slightly darker than the mycelium, flattened-hemispherical, 150–180 μ diameter, composed of radiating hyphae about 3 μ thick, cells 3–3·5 μ long in the centre, longer near the periphery, margin fimbriate, the radiating hyphae running out and anastomosing with the mycelial hyphae; asci aparaphysate, eight-spored, ovate, thin-walled, not staining blue with iodine, 30–37 \times 20–25 μ ; spores conglobate, ellipsoid, two-celled, slightly constricted, pale fuscous, thin-walled, delicate, smooth, 17–20 \times 6·5–8·5 μ , upper cell slightly broader and more broadly rounded than the lower.

Asterinella Pterocelastri, Doidge, n. sp.

Hypophylla, plagulas primitus, orbiculares, usque 1 cm. diametro, sed mox confluendo majores et irregulares formans; mycelium ex hyphis fuscidulis, 3–4 μ latis, rectis v. subtorulosis, ramosis formatum; hyphopodia desunt; thyriothecia orbicularia, 150–180 μ diametro, radiatim ex hyphis 3 μ crassis contexta, fimbriata; asci aparaphysati, octospori, ovati, 30–37 \times 20–25 μ ; sporae conglobatae, ellipsoideae, 1-septatae, leves leniter constrictae, fuscae, 17–20 \times 6·5–8·5 μ , cellula superiore leniter latiore.

Hab. in foliis Pterocelastri variabilis, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23,

leg. Doidge [17190].

95. Asteromyxa inconspicua, n. sp.

On leaves of *Chilianthus arboreus*, Van Stadens Pass, Cape Province, 19.5.23, Doidge [17252].

Forming minute, very inconspicuous, black spots on the upper surface of the leaves. Mycelium radiating, composed of fuscous, slender hyphae, without hyphopodia, 3–5 μ thick, septate, branching irregularly and anastomosing, with a tendency to adhere to adjoining hyphae by the lateral walls, and so form radiating strands, 2–4 hyphae in breadth; often producing at the tips of the lateral branches large, oval, brown conidia 16–20 \times 11–13 μ . Thyriothecia few, 1–3 in centre of mycelium, circular, at first flat, shield-shaped, radiating in structure, composed of radiating hyphae about 3 μ thick, later becoming almost hemispherical and more irregular in outline, 160–270 μ diameter. Asci fugaceous, eight-spored, ovate, aparaphysate, sessile, about 30–35 \times 22–24 μ ; interior of thyriothecium filled at maturity with dirty-brown mucilaginous matter in which the groups of spores are embedded, the asci having disappeared. The swelling of this mucilage forces apart the radiating cells of the covering membrane, which disintegrates. Spores elliptic, two-celled, pale fuscous, somewhat constricted, upper cell slightly broader, 17–22 \times 6–8·5 μ .

Asteromyxa, Theiss et Syd. (Ann. Myc., XV, 1917, p. 419), is a monotypic genus, which bears among the ahyphopodiate genera the same relation to Asterinella as Englerulaster does to Asterina among the hyphopodiate genera. It is based on A. hirtula (= Dimeriella hirtula, Speg) as type, and this species has a number of setae on the thyriothecium. Asteromyxa inconspicua has all the characters of the genus Asteromyxa except the setae, and is therefore assigned to that genus. The diagnosis of the genus Asteromyxa must be broadened to include species whose thyriothecia have no setae, or else a new genus must

be established for these.

Asteromyxa inconspicua, Doidge, n. sp.

Epiphylla, plagulas minutas parum perspicuas formans: mycelium laxe ramosum ex hyphis tenuibus fuscis, 3–5 μ crassis compositum; hyphopodia nulla; thyriothecia pauca in quaque plagula, hemisphaerica, 160–270 μ diametro, radiatim ex hyphis ca. 3 μ crassis contexta, mox mucose dissoluta; asci evanescentes, octospori, ovati, aparaphysati, 30–35 \times 22–24 μ ; sporae ellipticae, 1-septatae, leniter constrictae fuscae leves, $17-22 \times 6-8\cdot 5 \mu$.

Hab. in foliis Chilianthi arborei, Van Stadens Pass, Cape Province, 19.5.23, leg. Doidge

[17252].

96. Parasterina reticulata, n. sp.

On leaves of Celastrus buxifolius, Durban, Natal, 1897, Medley Wood (Wood Nos. 6452

and 6458) [9500 and 9518]; East London, 24.11.17, Doidge [10913].

On Celastrus nemorosus, Knysna, Cape Province, 3.6.12, Pienaar [2429]; Umgeni, Natal, 16.7.15, Medley Wood [9023]; Van Stadens Pass, Cape Province, 9.3.16, Bottomley [9558]; Alice, Cape Province, 18.11.17, Doidge [10974]; Langholm, Bathurst District, 14.7.18, Doidge [12370]; Howiesons Poort, near Grahamstown, 12.7.19, Doidge [12386]; Van Stadens Pass, 19.5.22, Doidge [17262].

On Celastrus ruber, Kentani, Cape Province, 10.4.15, Pegler (Pegler No. 2336) [9069]. On Celastrus Harveyanus, Henley, Natal, 24.5.15, Doidge [9000]; Claridge, Natal,

31.5.15, Doidge [8997].

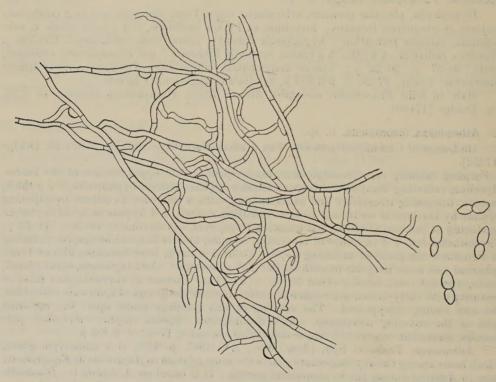


Fig. 1. . Parasterina reticulata.

On Celastrus pyracanthus, Pirie Forest, Kingwilliamstown, 8.7.19, Doidge [12330]. On Celastrus Senegalensis, Nelspruit, Transvaal, 18.10.13, Van der Bijl [7076]; Rikatli, Portuguese East Africa, September, 1918, Junod [11725].

On Elaeodendron croceum, Woodville Forest, George District, 11.11.17, Doidge [10941];

Kentani, Cape Province, 17.4.12, Pegler [2253].

On Pleurostylia capensis, Kentani, Cape Province, 20.7.12, Pegler [2532]. On Putterlichia pyracantha, East London, 19.7.19. Doidge [12407].

On Putterlichia verrucosa, Winkle Spruit, Natal, 28.5.15, Doidge [9007]; Umgeni, Natal, 16.7.15, Medley Wood [9033]; Kentani, Cape Province, 15.12.14, Pegler. (Pegler No. 1967) [8783].

Amphigenous, forming thin, black growths up to 1 cm. diameter, frequently numerous, especially on the upper surface, and coalescing to form a continuous growth covering the leaf surface. Mycelium radiating, composed of brown, fairly straight hyphae about 3.5 \(\mu \) thick, the primary hyphae radiating like the spokes of a wheel and giving rise to numerous branches which anastomose and form a continuous open network. The form of the network varies slightly in different specimens: in some the radiating hyphae are more marked, in some the meshes of the network are irregularly angular, in others they tend to be curved. Hyphopodia not very numerous, sometimes rare, most easily seen on the younger hyphae, unilateral or alternate, continuous, hemispherical or obliquely flattened, sometimes sublobed, 3.5-4 \mu high, 8-13 \mu broad. Thyriothecia scattered, fairly numerous more crowded towards the centre of the mycelium, flattened-hemispherical, 220-250 u. diameter, dehiscing by stellate fissures, the central part later falling away and exposing the asci, dark-brown, opaque, radiating in structure, composed of radiating hyphae about 3 \(\mu\) thick; margin fimbriate, radiating hyphae running out and anastomosing with the mycelial hyphae. Asci numerous, paraphysate, eight-spored, ovate or broadly ellipsoid, slightly thickened round the apex, sessile, 40-43 × 23.5-26 \u03bc. Paraphyses filiform, flexuous; fairly numerous, slightly exceeding the asci. Spores distichous, two-celled, brown ellipsoid, constricted at the septum, smooth, rounded at both ends, $20-23.5 \times 8-9 \mu$. loculi ellipsoid, upper loculus slightly broader.

Parasterina reticulata, Doidge, n. sp.

Amphigena, plagulas tenues, orbiculares, usque 1 cm. latas, dein confluentes et plus minus effusas formans ; mycelium reticulatum ex hyphis longiusculis, ramosis radiantibus, brunneis, ca. $3\cdot5$ μ crassis compositum ; hyphopodia haud numerosa, alternantia v. solitaria, sessilia, hemisphaerica v. rarius sublobata, $3\cdot5-4$ μ alta, 8-13 μ lata ; thyriothecia sparsa, sat numerosa, rotundata 220-250 μ diametro, primitus stellatim dehiscentia per aetatem late aperta, radiatim ex hyphis, 3 μ crassis contexta, fimbriata ; asci numerosi paraphysati, octospori, ovati v. late elliptici, sessiles $40-43 \times 23\cdot5-26$ μ , paraphysibus, filiformis, flexuosis, sat numerosis ; sporae distichae, 1-septatae, brunneae, ellipticae, constrictae. laeves, utrinque rotundatae, $20-23\cdot5 \times 8-9$ μ , loculo supero parum majore.

Hab. in foliis Celastri Senegalensis, Rikatli, Portuguese East Africa, 1918, leg. Junod [11725].

97. Parasterina laxa, Doidge.

Syn. Parasterina brachystoma (Rehm) Th., var. laxa (Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa VII, p. 245, 1920).

On leaves of Grumilea capensis, Woodbush, Zoutpansberg District, 3.8.11, Doidge [1758].

On Oxyanthus Gerrardi, Berea, Durban, 28.1.18, Van der Bijl [11366].

On Plectronia obovata, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17226].

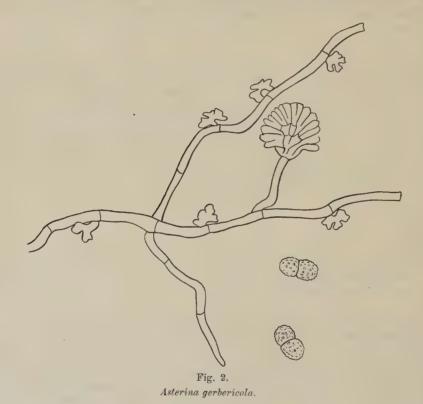
Epiphyllous, forming black, carbonaceous spots up to 10 mm. diameter; mycelium radiating, more or less reticulate, formed of straight, brown hyphae 5-6.5 μ thick, frequently septate, cells 16–24 μ long, branching irregularly and anastomosing; hyphopodia alternate or unilateral, continuous, sessile, briefly cylindrical, clavate, hemispherical or pyriform straight or subuncinate, 6.5–13.5 μ high, 6–13.5 μ broad; thyriothecia hemispherical, scattered, 200–350 μ diameter, composed of radiating hyphae about 3 μ thick; dehiscence at first stellate, later the whole central portion falls away, leaving only the margin with its fimbriate hyphae running out into the mycelium; asci eight-spored, subspherical or broadly ovate, sessile, thickened round the apex, staining golden-brown with iodine, 53–65 × 40–50 μ ; spores conglobate, constricted, brown, 1-septate, minutely verrucose at maturity, 30–33 × 15–16.5 μ , cells subequal or upper cell broader by 2–3 μ , each cell almost spherical or ovate.

98. Asterina gerbericola, n. sp.

On leaves of Gerbera cordata, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17175].

Epiphyllous, forming small black spots up to 5 mm. diameter; mycelium delicate, formed of sinuous, brown hyphae 3–3·5 μ thick, branching irregularly and anastomosing, cells 24–27 μ long; hyphopodia distant, not very numerous, alternate, one-celled, sessile erect or decumbent, variously lobed, lobes rounded, frequently there are three lobes which are themselves sublobed, 6–10 μ high and 8–13 μ broad; thyriothecia numerous, developing at the tips of secondary hyphae, at first fan-shaped, later flattened-hemispherical, 120–130 μ diameter, composed of radiating hyphae 2–2·5 μ thick, margin fimbriate, dehiscence stellate; asci aparaphysate, eight-spored, broadly ovate or subspherical, 20–23 \times 23–30 μ , not staining blue with iodine; spores conglobate, two-celled, slightly constricted, dark-brown, opaque, cylindrical, broadly rounded at both ends, verrucose at maturity, 13·5–16·5 \times 7–8·3 μ , cells subequal.

This species closely resembles Asterina undulata, from which it differs chiefly in the size and form of the hyphopodia, better developed mycelium, and longer verrucose spores.



Asterina gerbericola, Doidge, n. sp.

Plagulas epiphyllas, usque 5 mm. diametro atras formans; mycelium tenue, ex hyphis sinuosis, brunneis, ramosis 3-3·5 μ latis, septatis (articulis 24–27 μ longis) compositum; hyphopodia haud numerosa, alternantia, sessilia, varie lobata, 6–10 μ alta, 8–13 μ lata; thyriothecia numerosa in summis hyphis secundariis oriunda, orbicularia l20–130 μ diametro, radiatim ex hyphis 2–2·5 μ crassis contexta, ambitu fimbriata, stellatim dehiscentia; asci aparaphysati, octospori, ovato-globosi 20–23 \times 30 μ ; sporae con-

globatae, 1-septatae, cylindraceae, leniter constrictae, utrinque late rotundatae, brunneae, opacae, verrucosae, $13\cdot5-16\cdot5\times7-8\cdot3$ μ , loculis fere aequalibus.

Hab. in foliis *Gerberae cordatae*, Storms River, Humansdorp District, leg. Doidge [17175].

Asterina undulata affinis.

99. Asterina Streptocarpi, n. sp.

On leaves of Streptocarpus Rexii, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17223]. Epiphyllous, forming minute black spots up to 3 mm. diameter; mycelium undulate, formed of flexuous hyphae 3.5-5 μ thick, irregularly branched cells 16-20 μ long; hyphopodia one-celled, alternate, fairly numerous, usually erect, plurilobate, with 2-5 (usually 3) main lobes, which are again sublobed, 6-10 μ high, 8-13.5 μ broad;

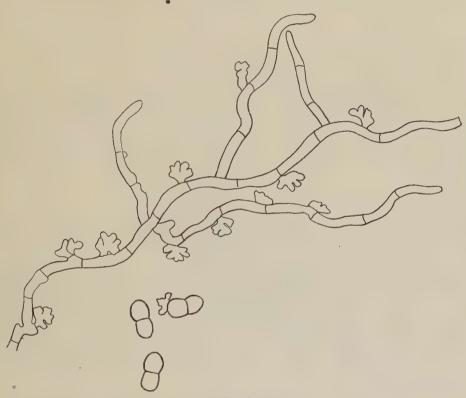


Fig. 3.
Asterina streptocarpi.

thyriothecia developed at the tips of lateral branches, flattened-hemispherical, reddishbrown, 100–150 μ diameter, dehiscence stellate, formed of radiating hyphae 2·5–3 μ thick (cells 5–6 μ long); margin at first smooth, later fimbriate, a number of flexuous hyphae running out and anastomosing with the mycelial hyphae; asci aparaphysate, four-spored, sessile, not staining blue with iodine, globose or broadly ovate, 20–24 \times 23–24 μ ; spores conglobate, two-celled, brown, smooth, constricted, cylindrical, broadly rounded at both ends, 16–18 \times 7–8·5 μ , cells equal, or upper cell slightly broader.

This species is closely related to A. undulata, A. gerbericola, and A. dilabens, Syd.; like the two former, it has thyriothecia, which originate at the tips of lateral branches. It is nearest A. gerbericola, from which it differs chiefly in its smooth spores, coarser, undulate hyphae, and more numerous hyphopodia.

Asterina Streptocarpi, Doidge, n. sp.

Plagulas epiphyllas, atras, minutas, usque 3 mm. diametro formans; mycelium undulatum, ex hyphis flexuosis, ramosis, $3.5-5~\mu$ latis, septatis (articulis $16-20~\mu$ longis) compositum; hyphopodia continua, modice copiosa, alternantia, plurilobata, $6-10~\mu$ alta, $8-13.5~\mu$ lata; thyriothecia in summis hyphis secundariis oriunda, orbicularia, $100-150~\mu$ diametro, brunnea, radiatim ex hyphis, $2.5-3~\mu$ crassis (cellulis $5-6~\mu$ longis) contexta; ad ambitum hyphis flexuosis fimbriata, stellatim dehiscentia; asci aparaphysati, 4-spori, ovato-globosi, $20-24~\times~23-24~\mu$; sporae conglobatae, 1-septatae, constrictae, leves, cylindraceae, utrinque late rotundatae, $16-18~\times~7-8.5~\mu$, cellulis aequalibus v. superiore leniter latiore.

Hab. in foliis Streptocarpi Rexii, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, leg. Doidge

[17223].

A. gerbericola affinis.

100. Asterina celtidicola, P. Henn., var. microspora, Doidge.

Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, VIII, p. 260, 1920.

On leaves of *Kiggelaria africana*, Keurkloof Forest, George District, 9.5.23, Doidge [17111]; Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17221]; Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17191].

On stems of Capparis citrifolia, Ebb and Flow, Wilderness, George District, 10.5.23,

Doidge [17123].

This variety was originally collected on Maerua pedunculosa and Oncoba Kraussiana in Natal.

101. Amazonia Goniomae, n. sp.

On leaves of *Gonioma Kamassi*, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.15, Doidge [17209]; Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17230]; Keurkloof Forest, George District, 9.5.23, Doidge [17109].

Amphigenous, forming irregularly circular, dull-black spots up to 7 mm. diameter; mycelium dense, radiating, consisting of meliola-like hyphae 6.5.9 μ thick, frequently septate, cells 20–27 μ long, with numerous usually opposite, less frequently unilateral branches; capitate hyphopodia, two-celled, stipitate, straight or curved, clavate-cylindrical, sometimes sublobed, 20–27 \times 8.6–10 μ , stalk cell short, cylindrical: thyriothecia scattered, 160–200 μ diameter, flattened, shield-shaped, circular, formed of radiating hyphae about 6 μ thick, margin very briefly fimbriate; asci aparaphysate, evanescent, two-spored; spores flattened-cylindrical, 4-septate, slightly constricted at the septa, brown, broadly rounded at both ends, 40–47 \times 15–16.5 \times 10–12 μ .

Amazonia Goniomae, Doidge, n. sp.

Amphigena, plagulas atras irregulares v. orbiculares, usque 7 mm. diametro formans; mycelium densum, ex hyphis, brunneis, $6.5-9~\mu$ crassis, septatis, ramosis compositum, cellulis 20–27 μ longis, ramis numerosis, oppositis v. rarius unilateralibus, hyphopodia capitata alternantia, numerosa, recta v. curvata, stipitata, $20-27~\times~8.6-10~\mu$, cellula superiore clavato-cylindracea interdum sublobata; thyriothecia sparsa orbicularia, $160-200~\mu$ diametro, radiatim ex hyphis, ca. $6~\mu$ crassis contexta, ambitu hyphis similibus fimbriata; asci aparaphysati bispori; sporae oblongae, 4-septatae, leniter constrictae, brunneae, utrinque late rotundatae, $40-47~\times~15-16.5~\mu$.

Hab. in foliis *Goniomae Kamassi*, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, leg. Doidge [17209].

102. Morenoella Phillipsii, n. sp.

On leaves and stems of Ocotea bullata, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge

[17205]; Montagu Pass Road, George District, 9.5.23, Doidge [17127].

Forming thin, spreading black growths on the under-side of the leaves, and densely clothing the stems and petioles of young seedlings. Hyphae fuscous, undulating, 3-3·5 μ thick, branching irregular, septa obscure, hyphopodia alternate or unilateral, continuous, briefly cylindrical, straight or subuncinate, $6-15 \times 3.5-5 \mu$, sometimes anastomosing with another hyphopodium or with a branchlet to form a circle or oval; thyriothecia numerous, scattered, elliptic to linear, occasionally almost circular, straight, curved or bent at an angle, $240-600 \times 90-160 \mu$, radiating in structure, formed of hyphae about 3 μ thick, raggedly fimbriate at the margin, dehiscing by a longitudinal slit, which later becomes widely distended, exposing the asci: asci aparaphysate, eight-spored, ovate, numerous, thickened

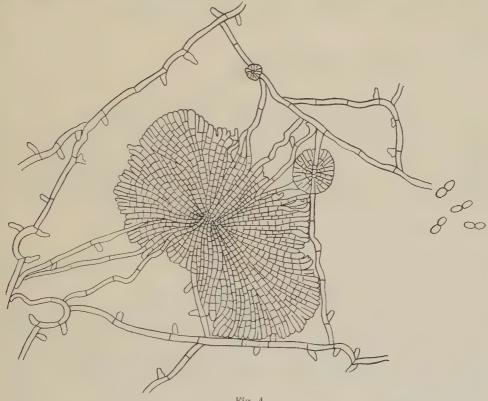


Fig. 4. Morenoella Phillipsii.

round apex, sessile or with a short foot, not staining blue with iodine, 26–33.5 imes 18–20 μ ; spores tristichous or conglobate, fuscous, 1-septate, ellipsoid, rounded at both ends, very deeply constricted, so that the cells very often fall apart before the spore germinates,

 $13.5-15 \times 5-6.3 \mu$, each cell ellipsoid.

My attention was drawn to this fungus by Mr. Phillips, the Assistant Officer for Sylvicultural Research, who is stationed at Deepwalls, in the Knysna District, and is conducting investigations into the regeneration of the indigenous forest. The stems of young Ocotea bullata seedlings are frequently densely clothed with the mycelium of Morenoella Phillipsii, which completely covers the stems for 10, 20, or 30 cm. It is not

improbable that the fungus has a serious effect on the growth of stinkwood seedlings. In several stem sections I thought that I detected the presence of a subcuticular hypostroma, but failed to establish any connection between this and the thyriothecia; there was no trace of this in leaf sections. I have therefore assigned the fungus to the genus Morenoella.

Morenoella Phillipsii, Doidge, n. sp.

Hypophylla et caulicola, plagulas tenues, effusas hypophyllas formans atque caules late et dense obtegens; mycelium ex hyphis fuscis, undulatis, 3–3·5 μ latis, ramosis, obscure septatis compositum; hyphopodia alternantia, breve cylindracea, recta v. subuncinata, 6–15 \times 3·5–5 μ ; thyriothecia numerosa, sparsa, elliptica v. linearia, recta, curvata vel geniculata, 240–600 \times 90–160 μ , radiatim ex hyphis ca. 3 μ crassis composita, ambitu fimbriata, primum rima angusta longitudinali deinde late aperta; asci aparaphysati, octospori, ovati, numerosi, apice incrassati, 26–33·5 \times 18–20 μ ; sporae tristichae v. conglobatae, fuscae, medio septatae et valde constrictae, ellipsoideae, 13·5–15 \times 5–6·3 μ .

Hab. in foliis Ocoteae bullatae, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, leg. Doidge

[17205].

103. Phragmothyriella parenchymatica, Doidge.

Syn. Zukalia parenchymatica, Doidge (Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, VIII, p. 114, 1920).

On leaves of Xymalos monospora, Kentani, 3.3.15, Pegler [8864].

Thyriothecia epiphyllous, scattered, 300–400 μ diameter and about 170 μ high, fuscous, irregularly parenchymatous in texture, paler towards the margin, with a single polyascous hymenium; asci numerous, ellipsoid-ovate, briefly pedicellate, 50–60 \times 20–30 μ ; spores obliquely distichous or conglobate hyaline or yellowish, 5–7-septate, ellipsoid, sometimes slightly curved, 30–40 \times 8–10 μ : mycelium pale yellowish-brown, consisting of hyphae, 3·5–5 μ thick; these are copiously branched and anastomosing, forming in the neighbourhood of the perithecia a continuous pseudo-parenchymatous layer, so that the covering wall of the thyriothecium merges gradually into the mycelium.

104. Ascostratum insigne, Syd.

Ann. Myc., X, 1912, pp. 41-42, fig. 2.

On rind of Euphorbia sp., Amanzimtoti, Natal, 10.7.11, Doidge [1660], 20.5.13, Doidge [6625].

In each case closely associated with *Pleomassaria gigantea*, Syd.

Stromata scattered, erumpent, later superficial, round or irregular in form, rather flat, $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{2}{3}$ mm. diameter, the entire length of the base being attached to the host; outer wall dark-brown, almost black; inner part of stroma composed of light-coloured plectenchyma, and containing numerous irregularly scattered loculi; loculi each with a single ascus; asci ovate-globose, slightly thickened round the apex, eight-spored, $60-70\times40-55~\mu$; spores oblong or broadly fusiform, straight or often asymmetrical, obtuse at both ends, 7–9-septate, not constricted, hyaline, $45-58\times16-18~\mu$.

105. Irene implicata, n. sp.

On leaves of Chilianthus arboreus, Van Stadens Pass, 19.5.23, Doidge [17251].

Mycelium hypophyllous, forming rather indefinite round, grey-black spots, 2–4 mm. diameter. Hyphae pale fuscous, rather thin-walled, subtorulose, 5–6·6 μ thick, cells variable in length, branching irregularly anastomosing and forming a tangled network amongst the lepidote scales on the under side of the leaf. Capitate hyphopodia usually alternate or unilateral, sometimes opposite, stipitate, $20-40\times10-20~\mu$; stipe cell usually cylindrical or constricted at base, $3\cdot5-16~\mu$ in length; terminal cell very variable in form and dimensions, club-shaped, truncate, or variously and fantastically lobed. Mucronate hyphopodia, solitary, opposite or in whorls of 3 or 4, slender lageniform, straight or curved, $16-27\times5-6\cdot5~\mu$. Setae none. Perithecia crowded together in the centre of the mycelium globose, somewhat

flattened, verrucose, carbonaceous, 240–290 μ diameter, collapsing at maturity; outer wall composed of rounded or conical cells, which are irregularly polygonal at the base and about 10 μ in diameter. Asci two-spored, evanescent. Spores brown, 4-septate, elliptic, constricted at the septa, straight or slightly curved, tapering somewhat toward the rounded ends, 50–54 μ long; medial cell longer than the others and 20–23-5 μ broad; terminal cells are not more than 13–14 μ broad.

Irene implicata, Doidge, n. sp.

Hypophylla, plagulas parum perspicuas, griseolas, orbiculares, 2–4 mm. latas formans; mycelium laxe ramosum, implicatum ex hyphis fuscis, subtorulosis, 5–6-6 μ crassis compositum; hyphopodia capitata alternantia v. raro opposita, 20–40 \times 10–20 μ , cellula inferiore cylindrica v. basim constricta, 3-5–16 μ longa, superiore irregularia, clavata



Fig. 5.

Irene implicata: mycelium with capitate and mucronate nyphopodia, and spores.

truncata v. varie lobata; hyphopodia mucronata plerumque opposita, angusta, lageniformia, reeta v. curvata, $16 - 27 \times 5 - 6 \cdot 5 \mu$; perithecia in centro plagularum pauca conferta, atra, carbonacea, verrucosa, $240 - 290 \mu$, in sicco collapsa; asci bispori; sporae brunneae, 4-septatae, ellipticae ad septa constrictae, rectae v. subcurvatae; utrinque attenuatae, $50-54 \mu$ longae; cellula media $20-23 \cdot 5 \mu$ lata, cellulis extimis $13-14 \mu$ latis.

Hab. in foliis Chilianthi arborescentis, Van Stadens Pass, 19.5.23, leg. Doidge [17251].

106. Irene Peglerae, Doidge.

Trans. Roy. Soc., V, p. 730, 1916.

On Halleria lucida, Keurkloof Forest, George District, 9.5.23, Doidge [17116]; Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17182]; Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17200].

This species was originally collected at Kentani on Anastrabe integerrina; it appears

to be very common on Halleria lucida in the coast forest belt.

107 Meliola comata, Doidge.

Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, VIII, p. 111, 1920.

On leaves of *Pyrenacantha scandens*, Woodville Forest, George District, 11.11.17, Doidge [11020]; Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17192]; Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17208].

The host of M. comata was previously (loc. cit.) incorrectly determined as

(?) Ipomoea sp.

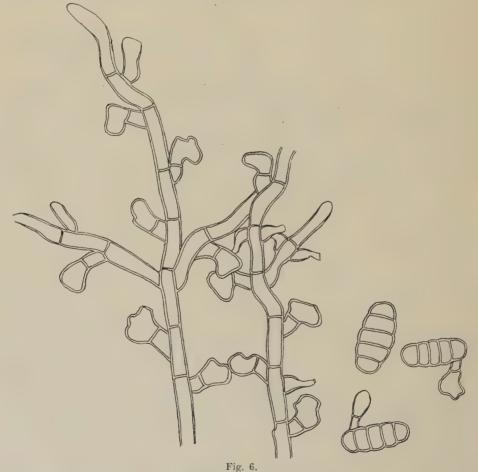
108. Meliola Evansii.

Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, VIII, p. 112, 1920.

On leaves of Celastrus acuminatus, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17206].

On Elaeodendron croceum, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23 [17216].

M. Evansii has previously been recorded on Mystroxylon at Mossel Bay and Celastrineae undetermined from the Zoutpansberg.



Meliola Knowltoniae.

109. Meliola Knowltoniae, n. sp.

On leaves of Knowltonia vesicatoria, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17177].

Epiphyllous, forming rather thin, black, carbonaceous spots up to 5 mm. diameter: mycelium consisting of brown, opaque, rather sinuous hyphae 9 11 μ thick (usually 10 μ); cells for the most part 35-40 µ long, branches opposite: capitate hyphopodia alternate, brown, opaque, usually one to each cell, stipitate, $27-34 \times 13\cdot 5-17 \mu$, majority at an angle of about forty-five degrees with hypha, but sometimes more widely divergent, stipe cell cylindrical, 6·5-10 μ long, terminal cell club-shaped, sublobed or subuncinate, curving towards or away from the hyphae, but usually the latter; mucronate hyphopodia fairly numerous near centre of mycelium, opposite, not lighter in colour than the capitate hyphopodia, 16 17 \times 8-10 μ , ampulliform with rather a short neck, 3.5 μ thick; mycelia! setae numerous in the neighbourhood of the perithecia, less numerous elsewhere, simple, straight or somewhat flexuous, 400 500 µ long, 10 µ thick at base, the majority tapering very gradually to the blunt and somewhat less opaque apex, which is 2-3 μ thick, a few of the setae are less tapering and have a blunt apex up to 5 \(\mu\) thick; perithecia in groups in the centre of the mycelium, spherical, black, carbonaccous, slightly rough, 160-200 μ diameter; asci two-spored, evanescent; spores 4-septate, cylindrical-compressed, broadly rounded at both ends, slightly constricted at the septa, brown, $42-46 \times 16.5-20 \times 13.5 \ \mu$.

Meliola Knowltoniae, Doidge, n. sp.

Epiphylla, plagulas atras, usque 5 mm. diametro formans; mycelium ex hyphis. brunneis, opacis, subsinuosis, 9-11 µ crassis, septatis, ramosis, compositis, cellulis plerumque, 35-40 μ longis, ramis oppositis; hyphopodia capitata alternantia stipitata $27-34 \times 13\cdot 5\cdot 17$ μ , cellula superiore, clavata, sublobata v. subuncinata; hyphopodia mucronata sat numerosa, opposita, 16–17 imes 8–10 μ , ampullacea ; setae mycelicae rectae v. subflexuosae, simplices 400–500 μ longae, basi 10 μ crassae, apicem obtusum v. sensim attenuatae; perithecia gregaria, globosa, atra, carbonacea, 160-200 μ diametro; asci bispori; sporae 4-septatae, cylindraceae, utrinque late rotundatae, leniter constrictae, $42-46 \times 16.5-20 \mu$.

Hab. in foliis Knowltoniae vesicatoriae, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23,

leg. Doidge [17177].

110. Meliola Toddaliae, Doidge.

Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, V, p. 732, 1916.

On leaves of Fagara capensis, Thun., Pirie Forest, 8.7.19, Doidge [12275]; Winters Kloof, Natal, 13.9.19, Doidge [12440].

On Fagara Davyi, Gouna Road, Low Forest, February, 1922, Keet [15531].

M. Toddaliae was originally described as occurring on Toddalia lanceolata, and is commonly found on this host.

111. Perisporium irenicolum, n. sp.

On Irene Peglerae on leaves of Halleria lucida, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23,

Doidge [17201].

Mycelium pale fuscous, hyphae very delicate, 1-2 µ thick, but well developed, forming a dense tangle between the hyphae of the Irene. Associated with this mycelium, and probably connected with it, are very numerous conidiophores and conidia of a Helminthosporium sp. Stevens (Bot. Gazette, 64, 1918, pp. 228-229) noticed similar conidia in connection with Perisporium Meliolae. Perithecia subspherical, rather taller than broad, smooth, 190-230 µ diameter, wall membranous, formed of irregular, polygonal cells about 6 µ diameter. Asci numerous, fascicled, eight-spored, clavate or cylindrical, sessile or with a short foot, 70–100 \times 18–20 μ , thickened round the apex, staining dull-purple with iodine, aparaphysate. Spores distichous, fuscous, clavate, 5-septate when mature, slightly constricted at the medial septum, broadly rounded above, tapering to the lower end, 42-44 μ long, 13·5-16 μ thick at the broadest point, narrower and obtuse at the lower

The genus Perisporium was discarded by Theissen and Sydow (Ann. Myc., 1917, p. 448), and the genus Meliolina established for species similar to Meliola, but with ahyphopodiate mycelium. The present species does not agree well with the species of the genus *Meliolina* in that it has eight-spored fasciculate asci, but it is closely related to *Perisporium Meliolae*, Stevens (loc. cit.); it is therefore provisionally assigned to the genus *Perisporium*.

(?) Perisporium irenicolum, Doidge, n. sp.

Amphigenum in mycelio Irene Peglerae parasiticum; mycelio tenue, bene evoluto, hyphas fuscas, 1–2 μ cr. composito; perithecia subsphaerica, laeves, membranacea, 190–230 μ diametro; asci numerosi, aparaphysati, fasciculati, octospori, clavati v. cylindracei, sessiles v. breviter pedicellati, 70–100 \times 18–20 μ , apice incrassati; sporae distichae, fuscae, clavatae, 5-septatae, medio leniter constrictae, 42–44 \times 13·5–16 μ .

Hab. in foliis Halleriae lucidae, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, leg. Doidge

[17201].

112. Phaeostigme circumsedens, n. sp.

Parasitic on mycelium of (?) Asterina or (?) Clypeolella sp., on leaves of Mikania

capensis, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17163].

Mycelium delicate, pale fuscous or olivaceous, without hyphopodia, composed of hyphae 2–3 μ thick, which branch and anastomose irregularly and closely invest the hyphae of the host. Perithecia scattered, spherical, somewhat papillate, but without a typical ostiole, subverrucose, brown, 100–120 μ diameter, wall consisting of irregular, polygonal cells, 6–10 μ diameter; asci eight-spored, paraphysate, narrow cylindrical or obclavate, thinwalled, rounded but not thickened at the apex, 40–50 \times 13–16 μ ; paraphyses filiform; spores distichous, two-celled, constricted, smooth, fuscous, cylindrical or broadly ellipsoid, broadly rounded at both ends, 11–13 \times 5–6·3 μ , cells subequal and almost spherical, or upper cell slightly broader and more broadly rounded than the lower.

Phaeostigme circumsedens, Doidge, n. sp.

Mycelium in (?) Asterina sp. v. (?) Clypeolella sp. parasiticum, mycelium (?) Asterinae arcte circumsedens, ex hyphis tenuibus, fuscidulis v. olivaceis, 2–3 μ latis, dense intricatis, ramosis et anastomosantibus, septatis compositum; perithecia sparsa, globosa, ostiolo typico carentia, 100–120 μ diametro, parenchymatica e cellulis, 6–10 μ diametro, composita: asci paraphysati, fasciculati, anguste cylindracei v. obclavatae, 40–50 \times 13–16 μ ; sporae distichae, 1-septatae, leves, fuscae, oblongae v. late ellipsoideae, utrinque late rotundatae, 11–13 \times 5–6·3 μ , loculis subaequalibus v. loculo supero paullo latiore.

Hab. in foliis Mikaniae capensis, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, leg.

Doidge [17163].

113. Chaetostigmella capensis, Doidge.

Syn. Phaeodimeriella capensis, Doidge (Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, V, p. 719, 1917, Plate LVIII, fig. 8).

On leaves of Apodytes dimidiata, Knysna, Cape Province, 3.6.12, Pienaar [2426].

The genus Chaetostigmella has been established by Sydow (Ann. Myc., 1917, p. 199) for the species with paraphyses, formerly assigned to the genus Phaeodimeriella. The mycelium of Ph. capensis was incorrectly described (loc. cit.) as having hyphopodia. The hyphopodiate mycelium is that of an Asterina, on which the Chaetostigmella is parasitic. Ch. capensis has abundant hyphae, 2–3 μ thick, which are at first fuscous, then brown, closely investing the hyphae of the host, branching profusely and forming a dense network between the hyphae of the Asterina.

114. Chaetostigmella asterinicola, Doidge.

Syn. Phaeodimeriella asterinicola, Doidge (Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, VIII, p. 115, 1920).

This species, having paraphysate asci, must also be assigned to the genus Chaetostigmella.

115. Phaeodimeriella plumbea, n. sp.

Parasitic on Asterina gerbericola, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17176].

Mycelium well developed, closely investing the hyphae of the Asterina, and forming an open network between the hyphae of the host: mycelium greyish-green, younger hyphae almost hvaline, very slender, 1-2 u thick, branching irregularly; perithecia numerous, black, globose, 80-100 \(\mu\) diameter, with a crown of 6-12 setae; setae straight, brown, 3.5-5 μ thick at the base, tapering to an acute apex, 55-70 μ long; asci numerous, aparaphysate, fasciculate, eight-spored, ellipsoid, sessile, 36.5– 43×10 – 13.3μ ; spores distichous, brown, narrow-ellipsoid, $13\cdot 3-15 \times 3\cdot 3-3\cdot 5$ μ , upper cell somewhat broadened just above the septum, giving the effect of a slight constriction at the septum.

Phaeodimeriella plumbea, Doidge, n. sp

Mycelium hyphas Asterinae dense amplectens, ex hyphis plumbeis v. viridulis, 1-2 μ crassis, tenuibus, dense reticulatis, ramosis et anastomosantibus, septatis compositum; perithecia superficialia, atra, 80-100 μ diametro, setis 6-12 coronatis; setis rectis, brunneis, basim 3·5-5 μ crassis, ad apicem acutem attenuatis, 55-70 μ longis; asci numerosi, fasciculatis, aparaphysati, octospori, ellipsoidei, sessiles, $36.5-43 \times 10-13.3 \mu$; sporae distichae, anguste ellipsoideae, 1-septatae, brunneae, leniter constrictae, locula supero latiore, $13.3-15 \times 3.3-3.5 \mu$.

Hab. in foliis Gerberae cordatae, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, leg.

Doidge [17176].

116. Rizalia confusa, n. sp.

On leaves of Olea capensis, Storms River, 15.5.23, Doidge [17172]; Assegai Bosch, 16.5.23, Doidge [17233].

On Olea Pegleri, Kentani, 6.5.15, Pegler (Pegler No. 2316) [9072] (immature).

Hypophyllous, forming very numerous, minute olivaceous or rusty-brown spots; these soon become confluent and cover large areas of the leaf-surface. Mycelium variable: there is a delicate mycelium composed of fine, pale fuscous hyphae, barely 1 \mu thick, which branches and anastomoses to form an irregular network and produces conidia and erect, stouter hyphae. The conidia are pale fuscous, 4-7-septate, narrow clavate, 30-40 μ long, 3.5-5 \mu broad at the rounded tip, tapering to a thickness of 1 \mu at the base. The erect hyphae [(?) setae] are coarser, dark-brown, septate, obtuse, 3-3·5 μ thick and 60-100 μ long. The fine mycelium apparently gives rise to the coarser, darker mycelium, which produces the perithecia. This consists of abundant, straight, olivaceous or brown hyphae, 3.3.5 µ thick, without hyphopodia, branching and anastomosing irregularly and with some semi-erect branches. The perithecia are numerous, black, spherical with a rough wall, 80-100 µ diameter, bearing a few short, more or less erect hyphae, which are irregular in size and number. The lower half of the perithecium is surrounded by a tangle of hyphae. Asci few in each perithecium, eight-spored, sessile, aparaphysate, ovate or broadly clavate, thin-walled, somewhat thickened round the apex, $40-50 \times 23-24 \mu$. Spores parallel, two-celled, narrow-cylindrical, not constricted, hyaline, not tapering to the rounded ends, $23-24.5 \times 6.5-8 \mu$, cells equal or subequal.

Rizalia confusa, Doidge, n. sp.

Hypophylla; mycelium bene evolutum, ex hyphis olivaceis, 3-3·5 μ crassis, ramosis, anastomosantibus, ahyphopodiatis compositum, setis erectis v. suberectis nonnullis; perithecia numerosa, basi mycelio suffulta, extus setis paucis, atris, irregulariter obsita, globosa, carbonacea, 80-100 µ diametro; asci pauci in quoque perithecio, octospori, aparaphysati, sessiles, ovati v. late clavate, apice leniter incrassati, 40-50 imes 23-24 μ , sporae parallelae, medio septatae, cylindraceae, haud constrictae, hyalinae, utrinque rotundatae et haud attenuatae, $23-24.5 \times 6.5-8 \mu$.

Hab. in foliis Olcae capensis, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, leg. Doidge

[17172].

117. Theissenula Woodiana, Doidge.

Syn. Zukalia Woodiana, Doidge (Trans. Roy. Soc. S. Africa, VIII, p. 114).

On leaves of Celastrus albatus, Winkle Spruit, Natal, 20.5.15, Doidge [9008]; Durban,

22.7.15, Medley Wood [9061].

The genus Zukalia, which was originally described as a "Meliola hyalophragmia," has been merged by Theissen and Sydow, in their recent revision of the Perisporiales, in the genus Chaetothyrium (Ann. Myc., XV, p. 477). An examination of the fungi classified under the genus Zukalia in the cryptogamic section of the National Herbarium shows that neither Z. Woodiana nor Z. parenchymatica can be placed in the genus Chaetothyrium; Z. Woodiana very closely resembles the type species of Theissenula, from which it differs

chiefly in the occasional presence of 5-septate spores.

Hypophyllous, forming rusty-brown spots 10–15 mm. diameter; these are frequently so numerous as to coalesce and form continuous irregular brown patches. Mycelium fuliginous, tangled at the centre of the spots, radiating towards the circumference. Hyphae not hyphopodiate, about 3 μ thick, copiously branched. Conidia not observed. Perithecia numerous, crowded in irregular groups, superficial, globose, 95–115 μ diameter; perithecial wall at first parenchymatous in appearance. Asci aparaphysate, several in each perithecium, eight-spored, ellipsoid or ovate, briefly pedicellate, 30–40 × 13–17 μ. Spores hyaline or yellowish, subdistichous or parallel in the ascus, narrow ellipsoid or subclavate; at first subequally 1-septate, later 3-septate or occasionally 5-septate, $18-24 \times 4-5$ μ. The spore readily falls apart at the medial septum.

118. Parenglerula Macowaniana (Thüm), v. Höhn.

Frag. zur Myk., X, No. 525, in Sitzurgsber, der Kais Akad. d. Wiss. in Wien. Math. Nat., Kl. CXIX, 1, p. 465, 73, 1910.

Theissen, F., Mykologische Abhandlungen. Verk. Zool-bot. Gesellsch. Wien.,

LXVI, pp. 347-350, 1916.

Syn. Meliola Macowaniana, Thüm, Flora, LX, p. 204, 1877; Asterina Macowaniana, Kalch et Cké., Grevillea, VII, p. 57, 1878, IX, p. 33, 1880, with diagnosis; Syll. Fung., I, p. 41; Exsicc. Thumen. Myc. Ilinio., 568; Rehm. Ascom. 395.

On leaves of Celastrus buxifolius, South Africa.

On leaves of Celastrus buxifolius, Ashburton, Natal, 22.4.16, Doidge [9700]; Bedford Cape Province, 20.11.17, Doidge [10892]; Belmont Valley, Grahamstown, 15.11.17, Doidge [10949]; Alice, Cape Province, 18.11.17, Doidge [10973]; Grahamstown, 4.6.19, Britten [14213].

On Celastrus polyacanthus, Assegai Bosch, Humansdorp District, 16.5.23, Doidge

[17246].

On Elaeodendron capense, Van Stadens Pass, Cape Province, 13.11.17, Doidge [10890]. On Cassine capensis, Van Stadens Pass, Cape Province, 13.4.17, Doidge [10885].

On Scolopia Mundii, Assegai Bosch, Humansdorp District, 16.5.23, Doidge [17245]. I have not had an opportunity of examining the original specimens, but from v. Höhnel's description there can be no doubt that the fungi mentioned above must be assigned to this species. The description is taken from that of v. Höhnel and Theissen; an examination of several recent collections entirely confirms their observations.

Usually epiphyllous, forming black circular spots 2–3 mm. diameter, which are usually so numerous as to become confluent, and large irregular areas are then covered by the mycelium. In the specimen on *Scolopia Mundii* [17245] the mycelium forms larger spots, up to 7 mm. diameter, and the leaf tissues underneath are discoloured to a yellowish-brown.

No such discoloration was observed on the Celastrus leaves.

Mycelium consisting of stout, dark-brown, septate undulating, coarse-walled hyphae, 6-8 μ thick, branching profusely, spreading in an irregularly radial direction and furnished with numerous hyphopodia. Hyphopodia alternate or unilateral, unicellular, hemi-

spherical or irregularly oval, 6.5-14 \(\mu\) high and 6.15 \(\mu\) broad, having a light-coloured

circular pore in the upper portion.

Perithecia produced in great profusion, densely aggregated in the central part of the mycelium, black, coarse, irregularly globular, very rough, almost tubercular, 50-120 μ in diameter, and without a trace of an ostiole. They are poised on a slightly narrowed base about 40 μ wide, from which the hyphae of the subiculum radiate. The perithecial wall disappears at maturity, falling apart into separate cellular filaments, which surround the asci and envelope them after the fashion of paraphyses. The asci and these filaments are embedded in a stiff mass of mucilage, staining a dingy-violet with iodine, which secretes an insoluble, dark-brown mass, which completely conceals the internal structure. The thin, coarse skin thus produced disintegrates, in consequence of the swelling of the mucilaginous content, into minute, irregular fragments often resembling cells, and thus simulates a dark-brown perithecial membrane.

The mature perithecia contain 1–10 oval, thick-walled asci, four-to eight-spored, broadly rounded above, constricted at base, 57–65 \times 40–50 μ . The cellular filaments representing the remains of the perithecial membrane dissolved by mucilaginous histolysis are two- to four-septate, grey-brown to dirty-yellow, smooth-walled, not constricted at the septa, obtuse, usually incurved, 20 45 \times 5–7 μ . They form at first a closed perithecial sheath, but are soon forced asunder, giving way to the outward pressure of the mucilage,

which then forms a hardening coarse crust over the original membrane.

Spores bicellular, elongated ovoid, rounded at both ends, thick-walled, at first covered with a thin mucilaginous sheath, remaining hyaline for a long time, then turning darkbrown, $25-32 \times 13 \cdot 5-15 \mu$. The transverse wall is situated below the centre, one cell being $15 \cdot 5-18 \mu$ and the other $12-15 \mu$ long; the position of the wall is therefore more variable than is indicated by v. Höhnel or Theissen. The upper cell is $12-15 \mu$ broad, and the lower $8 \cdot 5-13 \mu$.

119. Capnodium citricolum, McAlp.

Proc. Linn. Soc. of New South Wales, 1896, Part IV, p. 491.

Syll. Fung., XIV, p. 476.

On twigs of Citrus sp., Karreekloof, Lydenburg District, 24.7.19 [12313].

Effuse, black, crustaceous, covering the entire surface of the affected parts; some of the hyphae creeping, greenish or hyaline, copiously branched, septate, 6–8·5 μ thick, ascending branches short, simple, septate, bearing conidia which are hyaline or pale-greenish, continuous, uni- or biseptate, spherical, oval or elliptical, slightly constricted, 7·5–24 × 4–11 μ , sometimes moniliform; other hyphae are dark-coloured, greenish-brown or almost black, very frequently septate, constricted, slightly or copiously branched, rigid, 9·5–11 μ thick, bearing brown conidia, which are mostly elliptic, uniseptate, 7·5·16 × 5·5–8·5 μ . Perithecia and pycnidia are intermingled, opaque, black, oblong, oval, flask-shaped or club-shaped, $112-250 \times 52-112 \mu$. Asei cylindrical to clavate, subsessile, rounded at the apex, four-, six- or eight-spored, $70-80 \times 19-20 \mu$. Spores brown, oblong, sometimes subfusoid, typically obtuse at both ends, constricted near the middle, 5–6-septate, often with longitudinal or oblique septa, distichous, sometimes tristichous, about $21-24 \times 8\cdot5-9\cdot5 \mu$. Paraphyses hyaline, often granulose, elongated-clavate, $9\cdot5 \mu$ broad at the apex, equalling the asci.

The description quoted above is that of McAlpine; this specimen agrees with it very well, and is the only South African specimen of Capnodium in the National Herbarium on

which perithecia have been developed.

120. Trichothyrium elegans, n. sp.

On mycelium of (?) Asterina sp. on Cunonia capensis, Montagu Pass Road, George District, 9.5.23, Doidge [17129]; Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17186]; Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17220].

Epiphyllous, parasitic on the mycelium of (?) Asterina sp. or (?) Clypeolella sp., which is so heavily parasitized that no thyriothecia are formed, and consequently cannot be determined accurately; mycelium not forming a continuous pellicle, but closely investing the hyphae of the host, formed of delicate, pale fuscous hyphae about 3 μ thick, branching and anastomosing to form an open network between the hyphae of the host; hyphopodia none; perithecia radiate in structure, orbicular, 160–170 μ diameter, flat, shield-shaped, with a round central ostiole 15–25 μ diameter, radiating hyphae 2·5–3 μ thick; asci ovate-oblong or oblong, sessile, rounded and somewhat thickened at the apex, aparaphysate, 57-65 \times 16–17.5 μ ; spores distichous or tristichous, clavate, 1-septate, not or very slightly constricted, hyaline, 20–23 \times 6·5–8 μ ; upper cell shorter, broader, and more broadly rounded than the lower, which tapers toward the lower end.

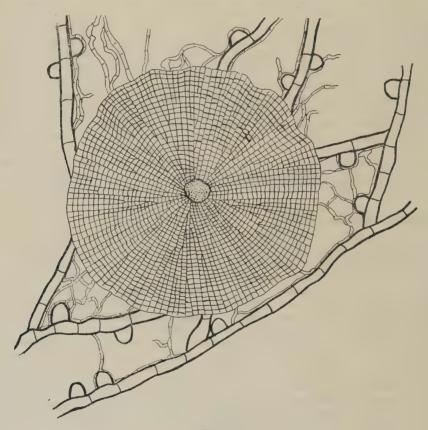


Fig. 7.
Trichothyrium elegans.

Trichothyrium elegans, Doidge, n. sp.

Epiphyllum, in mycelio (?) Asterinae sp. parasiticum; mycelio hyphas Asterinae arcte circumsedente sed haud pelliculam continuam efformante, ex hyphis obscure fuscis, 3μ latis, ramosis et anastomosantibus composito; hyphopodiis nullis; perithecia radiatim oriunda, orbicularia, $160-170 \mu$ diametro, brunnea, dimidiato-scutata, centro ostiolo rotundo, $15-25 \mu$ lato praedita, radiatim ex hyphis $2\cdot 5-3 \mu$ latis composita; asci ovato-oblongi v. oblongi, sessiles, apice rotundati et leniter incrassati, non paraphysati, $57-65 \times 16-17\cdot 5 \mu$;

sporae distichae v. tristichae, clavatae, 1-septatae, haud v. vix constrictae, hyalinae, $20-23 \times 6.5-8 \mu$, cellula superiore breviore v. latiore.

Hab. in foliis Cunoniae capensis, Montagu Pass Road, George District, 9.5.23, leg.

Doidge [17129].

121. Trichothyrium robustum, n. sp.

Parasitic on mycelium of Meliola comata on Pyrenacantha scandens, Deepwalls, Knysna

District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17208A].

Mycelium pale fuscous, ribbon-like, forming a continuous pellicle, completely clothing the hyphae and hyphopodia of the *Meliola*, and extending for a short distance on either side; ribbon-like thallus following the course of the hyphae of the host and branching where its hyphae branch, somewhat lobed at the margin, the lobes corresponding in position with the hyphopodia, $40-70~\mu$ wide, formed of hyphae $2-3~\mu$ thick, which are prosenchymatous in appearance, running longitudinally in the centre, and spreading out fan-wise near the margin at an angle of about forty-five degrees. Perithecia very numerous,

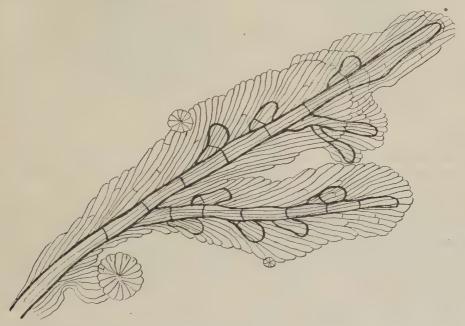


Fig. 8.
Trichothyrium robustum.

gregarious, flattened, round, produced on the edges of the ribbon-like thallus, 120–160 μ diameter, with a round, central pore, 13–17 μ diameter, formed of radiating hyphae about 3 μ thick, cells almost cubical; asci numerous, fasciculate, clavate or elliptic, sessile, eight-spored, 30–40 \times 13–16-6 μ , paraphysate; paraphyses not very numerous, hyaline, filiform; spores distichous, hyaline, 1-septate, clavate, slightly constricted at septum, 16–17 \times 5–6-5 μ ; upper cell shorter and broader, broadly rounded or somewhat acute at the apex; lower cell tapering to the base.

Trichothyrium robustum, Doidge, n. sp.

Mycelium fuscum, mycellio hyphas Meliolae parasiticum vittis alternatim ramosis, 40–70 μ latis lobatis, lobis apice rotundatis, pinnatim ex hyphis, 2–3 μ latis prosenchymaticis; perithecia ad marginem thalli numerosa, gregarie rotundata-depressa,

120–160 μ diametro, ostiolo rotundo, 13–17 μ dato praedita; asci numerosi, fasciculati clavati v. elliptici, sessiles, octospori, paraphysati, 30–40 \times 13–16·6 μ ; paraphysibus parum numerosis hyalinis, filiformibus; sporae distichae, hyalinae, 1-septatae, clavatae, leniter constrictae, 16–17 \times 5–6·5 μ , cellula superiore latiore et breviore.

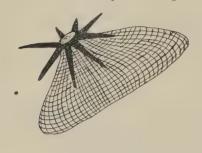
Hab. in foliis Pyrenacanthae scandentis, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, leg.

Doidge [17208A].

Trichothyrium dubiosum affinis.

Actinopeltella, Doidge, nov. gen.

Omnia ut in Actinopeltis sed sporae hyalinae 1-septatae.



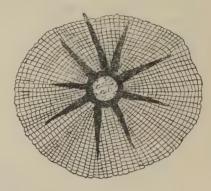


Fig. 9.
Actinopeltella nitida.

122. Actinopeltella nitida, n. sp.

Parasitic on the mycelium of Asterina Streptocarpi on leaves of Streptocarpus Rexii,

Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17225].

Subiculum absent; perithecia scattered, fuscous, brown, lenticular-turbinate, $100-120~\mu$ diameter, about $50~\mu$ high, composed of radiating hyphae $2\cdot5-3~\mu$ thick, ostiole irregularly round, $16-20~\mu$ diameter, surrounded by a single crown of 6-10 stout, dark-brown setae, spreading horizontally, up to $40~\mu$ long, $3\cdot5-4~\mu$ thick at base, apex acute; asci aparaphysate, delicate, narrow-obclavate, sessile, not thickened round the apex, eight-spored, $40-50~\times~10\cdot13\cdot5~\mu$; spores distichous, hyaline, ellipsoid or subclavate, two-celled, not constricted, rounded at the ends, $10\cdot13~\times~3-4\cdot5~\mu$, cells subequal, or upper cell slightly broader.

Actinopeltella nitida, Doidge, n. sp.

Subiculum nullum ; perithecia sparsa, fusco-brunnea, rotundato depressa, $100-120~\mu$ diametro, radiatim ex hyphis, $2\cdot5-3~\mu$ crassis contexta, ostiolo rotundo $16-20~\mu$ diametro praedita, setis brunneis 6-10, usque $40~\mu$ longis, acutis coronata ; asci aparaphysati, anguste obclavati, octospori, $40-50~\times~10-13\cdot5~\mu$; sporae distichae, hyalinae, ellipsoidae v. subclavatae, $10-13~\times~3-4\cdot5~\mu$, cellulis aequalibus v. supero paullo latiore.

Hab. in foliis Streptocarpi Rexii, Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, leg. Doidge

[17225].

123. Tripospora tripos (Cke.), Lind.

Engl. and Prantl., Die Nat. Pflanzenfamilien, 1, p. 413, 1897.

Fitzpatrick, Monograph of the Coryneliaceae, Mycologia, 12, pp. 232–233, figs. 22–25, 44, 45, 1920.

Syn. Corynelia tripos (Cke.), Grevillea, VIII, p. 34, 1879; Tripospora Cookei (Cke.), Sacc. in Berl. et Vogl. Additamenta Syll. Fung., p. 194, 1886.

On *Podocarpus elongata*, Hk., Somerset East, Cape Province, leg. MacOwan, Rabh. Wint. Fung. Europaei 3150 [3490]; Pirie Forest, Kingwilliamstown, 10.1.14, District Forest Officer [7355]; near Uitenhage, June, 1915, Paterson [9047]; Kingwilliamstown, 19.6.14, District Forest Officer [7816]; Van Stadens Pass, Cape Province, 13.11.17, Doidge [10867]; Maritzburg, 1.2.21, Sim [14274].

Stromata bearing a compact cluster of perithecia, 0.5 1.5 × 0.5 mm., not irregularly scattered, arranged definitely in rows and becoming confluent; these rows reaching sometimes a length of 10 mm., but usually shorter, several rows frequently formed on the surface of one leaf; perithecia occurring on the stroma in a compact cluster of 2-16 (usually 4-8), and on isolated stromata radiating towards all sides, so oriented when the stromata form a row that they point to the left and right, the appearance of the fungus thus becoming regular. Young perithecium definitely flask-shaped, with a roughened, spherical to ovoid, ascigerous basal portion and a long cylindrical, glabrous, shiny neck, which is rounded at the tip and blunt. The neck of the perithecium in early stages provided with a canal and marked at the apex with a minute umbilious, but closed; in later stages the apex of the beak flattened to form a slightly convex disk, the diameter of which equals that of the ascus-bearing portion of the perithecium; this disk becoming fimbriate-lacerate, and assuming a reddish-brown, fuzzy appearance, finally definitely dehiscent, the margin recurving, exposing the lighter-coloured inner wall of the neck of the perithecium, and resulting in the formation of a broad, funnel-shaped cavity, the centre of which is usually filled with a black mass of spores. Immature asci, 30-35 imes 40-60 μ ; long-stalked, eightspored, ovate evanescent. Ascospores very characteristic, unicellular, star-shaped, consisting of four (rarely five) conical, sharp-pointed projections, radiating from a rounded central portion, hyaline, when young becoming dark-brown, at maturity opaque and nearly black, thick-walled, 22-34 µ diameter (measured from tip to tip of adjacent projections).

124. Corynelia fructicola (Pat.), v. Höhn.

Sitzber, Kais. Akad. Wiss. Wien., 120, p. 450, 1911.

Fitzpatrick, Monograph of the Coryneliaceae, Mycologia, 12, pp. 240-241, figs. 20, 21, 1920.

Syn. Corynelia carpophila, Syd., Engl. Bot. Jahrb., 45, p. 264, 1920.

On fruit of Myrsine melanophleos, Woodbush, Zoutpansberg District, 5.8.11, Doidge [1736]; Kentani, Cape Province, 5.10.12, May, 1913, and 3.6.14, Pegler [5617, 6621, and 7795]; Tugela Valley, near Mont aux Sources, Natal, 15.5.20, Doidge [14121]; Duncairn, near Maritzburg, 13.7.21, Doidge [14865]; Greytown, Natal, 16.2.22, Doidge [15410].

Stromata fructicolous, pulvinate, black; usually rounded, often laterally confluent to form an extensive effuse, black crust, which partially or completely envelops the fruit; individual stromata 1 mm. or less in diameter, covered by a crowded cluster of perithecia, frequently showing many stages of development on a single stroma; perithecium resembling closely that of Tripospora tripos, definitely flask-shaped, with a spherical to ovoid, ascigerous, basal portion, and a long, narrow-cylindrical neck, rounded and blunt at the apex. The neck of the perithecium provided with a canal and in early stages marked at the apex with a minute umbilicus, but closed: in later stages the apex broadened to form a wide, slightly convex disk, the diameter of which equals or exceeds that of the basal ascigerous portion: this disk becoming fimbriate-lacerate, and assuming a reddish-brown, fuzzy appearance, finally dehiscent, the margin recurving, forming a funnel-shaped opening, and exposing the lighter-coloured inner wall. Asci ovate to clavate, long-stalked, thinwalled, evanescent, eight-spored, aparaphysate, $11-14 \times 20-25~\mu$. Ascospores when young hyaline, smooth, and by mutual pressure polyhedral; at maturity spherical, brown, thick-walled, echinulate, unicellular, 6.5-10.5 µ in diameter. Pycnidia seated on the stroma among the perithecia more or less globose, black; pycnospores hyaline, elongated to all antoid, $4-6 \times 1 \mu$.

125. Corvnelia uberata, Fr.

Ex Acharius Systema Mycologicum, 2, p. 535, 1822.

Fitzpatrick, Monograph of the Coryneliaceae, Mycologia, 12, pp. 247–251, figs. 13–18, 1920.

Syn. Corynelia clavata (L.), Sacc. in R. Pirotta, Osservazioni sopra alcuni funghi:

Nuovo Giornale Botanico Italiano, 21, pp. 312-317, 1889.

On Podocarpus latifolia, Endl., Grahamstown, 13.7.1907, on fruit [493]; Natal, Medley Wood (Wood No. 3203) [11206]; Woodbush, Zoutpansberg District, 4.8.11, Doidge [1770]; St. James, Cape Province, 22.12.12, Pole Evans [5572]; Grahamstown, Burtt-Davy [5580]; Kingwilliamstown, 19.6.14, Sun. [7815]; Keiskama Hoek, 26.3.15, District Forest Officer [8970]; Umtata, Cape Province, 13.5.16, Pegler [9739]: Deepwalls, Knysna District, 13.5.23, Doidge [17204].

On Podocarpus elongata, Hk., near Somerset East, MacOwan, Rabh. Wint. Fung. Eur. 3149 [3489]; Woodbush, Transvaal, March, 1910, Gray [885]; Berg River, near Wellington, Cape Province, 8.11.10, Doidge [1743]; Pirie Forest, Kingwilliamstown, 10.1.14, District Forest Officer [7354]; Kingwilliamstown, 7.2.14 (on fruits), District Forest Officer [8258]; Keiskama Hoek, 26.3.15, District Forest Officer [8971]; Keiskama Hoek, 30.5.15 (on fruits), Keet [14141]; Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17165].

On Podocarpus falcata, Eshowe, Zululand, 30.1.12, Pole Evans [2027]; Kentani, Cape Province, July, 1913, Pegler [6900]; Ngome, Cape Province, 21.3.14, Foster [7410].

Stromata scattered, infrequently confluent, more or less definitely circular, 1-3 mm. in diameter, chiefly hypophyllous, but often amphigenous, caulicolous and fructicolous, not usually erumpent before the limitation of the perithecia, in section homogeneous and black or dark-brown, externally dull-black and minutely roughened, bearing finally a crowded cluster of 20-50 or more perithecia. Perithecia first making their appearance through the ruptured epidermis as hemispherical protuberances on the stroma, the ascigerous cavity being partially buried and pure white within. The young perithecium cartilaginous soon attaining a characteristically conical form, the apex smooth and shining. the base rough and dull, later protruding farther and developing a cylindrical neck, which becomes clavate by the pronounced enlargement of the tip. Perithecium at maturity approximately 1 mm. in length, brittle, somewhat dumb-bell shaped, usually bent in the narrow middle portion and appearing consequently inequilateral, this being especially pronounced in those individuals borne at the margin of the stroma. The swollen apex of the perithecium at maturity flattened and deeply cleft by one to several transversely running furrows, the resulting ridges usually breaking into scales, giving the apex of the perithecium a pronouncedly shaggy appearance, finally dehiscent along the line of the middle furrow by a wide and deep slit, the two lips pulling apart and usually recurving. thus exposing the ashy to brown inner wall. Asci ovate to clavate, long-stalked, thinwalled, evanescent, aparaphysate, eight-spored, 20-26 × 34-44 μ. Ascospores when young hyaline, smooth, and by mutual pressure polyhedral; at maturity spherical, brown. thick-walled, echinulate, unicellular, 9-14 μ (mostly 12 μ) in diameter. Pycnidia sometimes developed on the stroma; pycnospores elongated, 5-7 \times 2 μ .

126. Calonectria capensis, n. sp.

Parasitic on Irene Podocarpi on leaves of Podocarpus elongata, Storms River, Humans-

dorp District, 15.5.23, Doidge [17167].

Mycelium arachnoid, closely investing the mycelium of the Irene and forming a network between the hyphae of the host, dirty-white or yellowish to reddish, 1-3 μ thick, creeping, densely and intricately branched and anastomosing, usually co-extensive with the Irene mycelium. Perithecia few, scattered, globose, 130–200 μ diameter, membrane goldenyellow, cells irregular-polygonal, 7–10 μ diameter. Perithecial setae rather numerous, similar in colour to perithecial membrane, erect or suberect, straight or curved, not tapering, apex blunt, septate, 100–130 μ long, 5–6 μ thick. Asci numerous, fasciculate, eight-spored, narrow-clavate or cylindrical, thin-walled, rounded at the apex, tapering to the base,

83–100 \times 13–16 μ . Paraphyses numerous, filiform. Spores 5–6-septate when mature, hyaline, fusoid-clavate, straight or curved, occasionally subsigmoid, tapering more gradually to the lower end, both ends obtuse, not constricted at the septa, $50-54 \times 6-6.5 \mu$.

Calonectria capensis, Doidge, n. sp.

Mycelium in mycelio Irene Podocarpi parasiticum, arachnoideum, ex hyphis pallide flavidulis v. rubris, 1–3 μ latis, ramosis compositum; perithecia pauca, sparsa, globosa, 130–200 μ diametro, flava, contextu parenchymatico e cellulis polygonis, 7–10 μ diametro, pilis rectis v. curvatis, obtusis, septatis, 100–130 μ longis, 5–6 μ latis; asci fasciculati, octospori, angusti-clavati v. cylindracei, apice rotundati, 83–100 \times 13–16 μ , paraphysibus numerosis filiformis; sporae hyalinae, fusoidae-clavatae, rectae v. curvatae, utrinque attenuatae sed obtusae, haud constrictae, 50–54 \times 6–6·5 μ .

Hab. in foliis Podocarpi elongatae, Storms River, Humansdorp District, 15.5.23,

leg. Doidge [17167].

127. Phragmosperma Marattiae (P. Henn.), Th. et Syd.

Ann. Myc., XIV, pp. 450-451 (461).

Syn. Micropeltis Marattiae, P. Henn., Hedwigia, 34, 1895; Sacc., Syll. Fung., XI, p. 382.

On leaves of Marattia fraxinea, Winters Kloof, Natal, 13.7.11, Doidge [1632].

This fungus is taken by Theissen and Sydow (loc. cit.) as the type species of the genus *Phragmosperma* of the group *eu-Montagnelleae*. The genus is characterized by single perithecia, which are half-immersed in the leaf-tissues, without a true stroma and without an ostiole, the upper wall eventually breaking down. Asci eight-spored, aparaphysate;

spores hyaline, with several transverse walls.

Phragmosperma Marattiae (P. Henn.), Th. et Syd., has single perithecia, which are closely crowded and rhomboid, forming groups up to 5 mm. diameter, which are interrupted by the nerves on which no perithecia are formed; perithecia, 130–140 μ diameter, the upper part breaking out to the leaf-surface, with a papilla but no ostiole, the upper wall eventually breaking down; the wall is brown and formed of small cells. Stroma wanting, but occasionally some contact hyphae may be detected between neighbouring perithecia. Asci clavate, rounded or thickened at the apex, sessile, eight-spored, paraphysate, 50–70 × 12–15 μ. Spores mostly parallel in a single bundle, straight or somewhat oblique, tapering slightly towards each end, at first with a single medial septum, later each cell becomes further septate, not constricted, hyaline, 30–38 × 3–4 μ.

128. Phyllachora anthistiriicola, Syd., n. sp.

Stromata in folio decolorato evoluta, in utraque folii pagina, sed praecipue in superiore visibilia, irregulariter distributa, mox plus minus solitaria vel irregulariter aggregata, mox et saepissime dense aggregata et paginam folii superiorum fere crusta aterrima obtegentia, singula $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 mm. longa, confluendo haud raro longiora, in epiphyllo convexa, in hypophyllo plana et saepe tantum e stromate sterili contraposito vel clypeo epidermali constantia : clypeo epiphyllo aterrimo, 20–30 μ crasso ; loculi pauci in singulo stromate, 200–350 μ lati, 175–200 μ alti, plerumque $\frac{3}{4}$ folii crassitudinis rarius totam crassitudinem occupantes ; asci cylindracei, 70–80 \times 12–16 μ , paraphysati, octospori ; sporae 1–2-stichae, oblongae, plerumque obtusae, continuae, hyalinae, 11–16 \times 7–9 μ ; conidia simul praesentia, filiformia, recta vel curvata, hyalina, 12–15 \times $\frac{1}{2}$ μ .

Hab. in foliis Anthistiriae imberbis, Magaliesberg, Transvaal, 23.3.12, leg. Van der Bijl

[2196].

129. Phyllachora Chrysopogonis, Syd., n. sp.

Stromata amphigena, per totum folium pallide decoloratum plus minus aequaliter dispersa, solitaria, vix confluentia, elliptica $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 mm. longa, convexula, 2-4 locularia. elypeo unilaterali aterrimo ca. 25 μ crasso; loculi applanati, 300–420 μ lati. 130–170 μ alti, $\frac{2}{3}$ folii

crassitudinis occupantes, parietibus brunneis, 15–20 μ crassis; asci cylindracei copiose paraphysati, 65–85 \times 10–14 μ , octospori; sporae plerumque monostichae, oblongae, utringue obtusae, continuae, hyalinae, 12–15 \times 7–8 μ .

Hab. in foliis Chrysopogonis monticolae, Armandsvlakte, Vryburg, 25.10.15, leg.

Pole Evans [9302].

130. Phyllachora Digitariae, Syd., n. sp.

Stromata in utraque folii pagina indistincte decolorata conspicua, elliptica, $\frac{1}{3}$ –1 mm. longa, raro confluentia, leniter convexa, parum nitidula, elypeo epidermali amphigeno 20–30 μ crasso, 1–4 locularia ; loculi totam folii crassitudinem occupantes, 150–200 μ lati, usque 175 μ alti, pariete 20–25 μ crasso ; asci cylindracei, breviter stipitati, 50–65 \times 9–14 μ , copiose paraphysati ; sporae monostichae vel in superiore asci parte distichae, late ellipsoideae usque subglobosae, continuae, hyalinae, 8–10 \times 7–8 μ .

Hab. in foliis Digitariae Smutsii, Irene, Transvaal, 1922, leg. S. Smuts [17017].

131. Phyllachora Doidgeae, Syd., n. sp.

Stromata amphigena, irregulariter dispersa, discreta, elliptica, $\frac{1}{2}$ –1 mm. longa, convexula, 1–4 locularia, elypeo epidermali 30–40 μ crasso aterrimo; loculi totam folii crassitudinem occupantes, 300–400 μ lati, 200–300 μ alti, parietibus 10–15 μ crassis; asci cylindracei, 80–100 \times 12–16 μ , copiose paraphysati; sporae monodistichae, oblongae, plerumque late rotundatae, continuae, hyalinae, 14–18 \times 8–10 μ ; loculi conidiiferi simul praesentes aequales, sed plerumque minores, 175–250 μ lati, 140–170 μ alti; conidia oblonga vel oblongo-fusoidea, utrinque obtusa vel leniter attenuata, continua, dilute fuscidula, 8–12 \times 2–3 μ , basidiis nullis.

Hab. in foliis Andropogonis ceresiaeformis, Durban, 7.7.11, leg. Doidge [1612];

Edendale, Natal, 26.12.11, leg. Doidge [1998].

132. Phyllachora Leptocarydii, Syd., n. sp.

Stromata plerumque in utraque folii pagina visibilia, per folii superficiem plus minus aequaliter distributa, $\frac{1}{3} - \frac{2}{3}$ mm. longa, in epiphyllo convexula in hypophyllo plana et fere semper e stromate contraposito sterili tantum constantia, pauci (1-3)-locularia, clypeo epiphyllo aterrimo, 20–30 μ crasso; loculi, 100–140 μ lati, 90–120 μ alti; circiter $\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4}$ folii crassitudinem occupantes, pariete tenui, 10 μ crasso; asci cylindracei, 50–60 \times 7–11 μ , octospori, paraphysati; sporae monodistichae, ovatae vel ellipsoideo-ovatae, continuae, hyalinae, 7–10 \times 5–6 μ .

Hab. in foliis Leptocarydii Vulpiastri, Sydenham, Natal, 1914, leg. Franks [7814].

133. Phyllachora Winkleri, Syd.

Ann. Myc., X, 1912, p. 80; XIII, 1915, p. 456.

On leaves of Paspalum scrobiculatum, Quelimane, Mozambique, 1908, Howard [648]. Stromata convex, elliptic or oblong, often confluent, 1–3 mm. diameter, with a rough surface, lying between the vascular bundles and the upper layer of cells; the space between the bundles and the upper epidermis being filled with a perpendicular, prosenchymatous, palisade stroma, which distends the leaf to double its normal thickness. Loculi not numerous, fusing with the epidermal clypeus; in transverse section they are 340 μ in diameter and 180–200 μ high; in longitudinal leaf-sections they reach a length of 700 μ ; the wall of the loculus is sharply differentiated, brown, and in most cases formed of concentric layers of very small hyphae, $2\frac{1}{2}$ μ thick. Asci cylindrical, 80–120 \times 11–16 μ , briefly stipitate. Spores monostichous, broadly elliptic, one-celled, hyaline, 14–17 \times 12–19 μ . Paraphyses numerous, thread-like.

This species was originally described as occurring on Paspalum scrobiculatum, in

German East Africa.

134. Phyllachora sanguinolenta, Theiss. et Syd., var. microspora.

Ann. Myc., XIII, 1915, p. 455.

On leaves of Panicum minus, Bloemfontein, April, 1917, Potts [11307].

Stromata thickly scattered on both leaf-surfaces, convex, somewhat shiny, elliptic, $\frac{1}{2}$ -1 mm. long. Epidermal clypeus 20 μ thick, on one or both sides of the leaf. Where the stroma is on only one side of the leaf, the loculi are elliptic, occupying two-thirds of the thickness of the leaf; they are numerous, and there is a stroma connecting the upper parts of the loculi. When two stromata occur on opposite leaf surfaces the loculi only reach to the middle of the leaf, and are more spherical, 240 μ diameter; the locular walls are thin and brown. Asci cylindrical, paraphysate, briefly stipitate, 60-70 \times 10-14 μ . Spores obliquely monostichous, sometimes distichous, elliptic, hyaline, one-celled, 8 \times 5 μ .

This is another tropical African species, originally collected on an undetermined grass

in the Congo.

135. Phyllachora Brachystegiae, n. sp.

On leaves of Brachystegia sp., December, 1917, Salisbury, Rhodesia, Eyles [11680]. Stromata minute, epiphyllous, circular or broadly elliptic, black, convex, somewhat shiny, penetrating through the leaf and becoming visible on the lower surface. Each stroma has a single loculus, which is flattened-spherical, 350–370 μ diameter, 240–290 μ high, occupying the entire thickness of the leaf. Wall of the loculus light-brown, about 10 μ thick. Clypeus developed in both the upper and the lower epidermis, 400–500 μ in diameter. Asci paraphysate, cylindrical, eight-spored, $100-120\times13-16$ μ . Spores monostichous, occasionally subdistichous, one-celled, hyaline, ellipsoid, somewhat more rounded at one end than the other, $16.5-17\times6.5-7$ μ ; conidia hyaline, filiform, curved, $16-20\times1$ μ .

Phyllachora Brachystegiae, Doidge, n. sp.

Stromata minuta, rotundata v. late elliptica, atra, convexa parum nitidula, in hypophyllo etiam perspicua; loculum tantum unicum, subglobosum, 350–370 μ latum, 240–290 μ altum, totem folii crassitudinem occupans, pariete tenue 10 μ crasso, clypeo epidermale amphigeno; asci paraphysati, cylindracei, octospori, 100–120 \times 13–16 μ ; sporae monostichae v. distichae, hyalinae, continuae, ellipticae, 16·5–17 \times 6·5–7 μ ; conidia hyalina, filiformia, curvata, 16–20 \times 1 μ .

SOUTH AFRICAN GRAMINEAE.

GRASSES OF THE TRANSVAAL AS REPRESENTED IN THE NATIONAL HERBARIUM.

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The Transvaal may be divided broadly into three climatic areas each with various edaphic conditions and a corresponding flora. The South-Western and Western portion takes in part of the Karroo and the sand-veld of Bechuanaland. It consists of grass and low scrub with scattered thorn trees. The climate is generally hot and dry; the average rainfall is from 15 to 25 inches. The dominant grasses of this region are xerophytic species of Eragrostis (E. Lehmanniana, E. Atherstonii, E. obtusa, E. echinochloidea), Sporobolus Ludwiqii, S. tenellus, Aristida spp., Themeda triandra, Digitaria eriantha, var. stolonifera, Panicum coloratum, Brachiaria nigropedata, Anthephora pubescens, Fingerhuthia africana, Enneapogon sp. and Schmidtia sp. The two latter are peculiarly characteristic of this region. Northwards to the Limpopo and eastwards, passing above the Magaliesberg, to the Drakensberg is the warm and moist tropical and sub-tropical region; a great part of this is bush veld with occasional stretches of open country developing into the savanna of the north. The annual rainfall of this region averages from 15-35 ins., except along the Drakensberg range, where it rises to over 70 inches. The tropical genera of the Andropogoneae are abundantly represented, the tall, coarse tambookie grasses and the sorghums, the dek-gras or thatching grasses, as well as many of the finer species. Broad-leaved species of the Paniceae are domimant in the bushveld area —Panicum maximum (Guinea grass), Brachiaria brizantha, Digitaria spp., Setaria sulcata, Pennisetum cenchroides, etc. The third region is what is known as the High Veld, which extends along the southern border, taking in parts of Potchefstroom, Heidelberg, and Standerton, and north as far as Middelburg and the Magaliesberg range. winters in the High Veld are cold and dry, and it is subject to severe frosts; the average summer rainfall is from 25 to 35 inches. This region is practically all grass-veld, flat and treeless. Panicum natalense is plentiful. Panicum laevifolium, Setaria nigrirostris. Themeda triandra, Eragrostis chalcantha, E. curvula, E. plana, Sporobolus indicus, Elionurus argenteus (a widely distributed "sour" grass), Koelaria cristata, and Cunodon dactulon are among the dominant species.

For arrangement and numbering of genera in the following list, I have followed Dalle Torre and Harms in their Genera Siphonogarum. Where a genus has been created or revived since the publication of that work, it has been placed next to that to which it shows the

closest affinity and given the same number with a distinguishing letter.

* Dr. Stapf's work on the Gramineae of Tropical Africa (Prain's Flora of Tropical Africa, Vol. IX), which is not yet complete, has been used, as far as possible, as a basis for nomenclature. No synonymy is given except in cases where the name given differs from that in the Flora Capensis; the synonym employed in this earlier work is then added in brackets. References to original descriptions are only given when the species is not described in the Flora Capensis.

^{*} Dr. Stapf, in his recent and not yet completed work on the grasses of Tropical Africa, has revived a number of old genera and created a number of new ones. This paper is not the place for a critical review of this work, and I have, for present purposes accepted it as a basis on which to build up my classifications, though I do not in all cases agree with Stapf's sub-divisions.

There is no doubt for instance that the genera Andropogon and Panicum as defined by him in his earlier work in the Flora Capensis were altogether too unwieldly, and contained a number of very heterogeneous types, but in splitting these up into separate entities he has, I think, gone to the other extreme and he has based some of his small genera on characters which I find to be inconstant or mutable, and often unimportant. This question will, however, be discussed in a later paper.

Local names are given where they are known. For the agricultural notes I am indebted to Mr. H. A. Melle, except where otherwise stated.

A revision of the South African species of the genus *Eragrostis* will be undertaken later. For the purposes of this present list the species not described in the Flora Capensis

are identified by letters only.

Dr. J. Burtt-Davy, for ten years prior to Union, Government Botanist and Agrostologist of the Transvaal, is responsible for the collection of the greater number of Transvaal grasses in the National Herbarium. *Eragrostis Burttdavii* was named in his honour. Mr. E. E. Galpin, formerly of Queenstown, but now of Mosdene, Naboomspruit, an enthusiastic collector, has of recent years contributed very considerably to our knowledge of the grasses of the Waterberg. The genus *Mosdenia* was so named after his farm, where it was collected; he has also been responsible for the collection of a number of new species, some of which bear his name.

Lastly, I make my acknowledgments to General J. C. Smuts, world-famous statesman and Prime Minister of the Union of South Africa, who finds time in his hours of ease (and he has not many of them) to interest himself in the study of botany as represented in the tlora of South Africa. Being a farmer as well as a politician, he is most keenly interested in the grasses, and applies himself to stimulate and assist, in South Africa, more extensive research work on this most important order.

Digitaria Smutsii and Sporobolus Smutsii are named in his honour.

The localities recorded in the following list are, with few exceptions, from specimens in the National Herbarium of South Africa, all of which have been examined by me. The exceptions are indicated by an asterisk (*) after the number.

I have included in the key all the South African genera, instead of confining it only to those that occur in the Transvaal and narrowing the usefulness of the key to one

Province.

The key to the species will be prepared later. At the present time there is such confusion between those of some of the larger genera that, until these have been revised, it is impossible to work out a satisfactory key to the species.

KEY TO THE GENERA OF SOUTH AFRICAN GRASSES.

1.	Spikelets not or dorsally compressed, falling from the pedicels entire, never more than 2-flowered, perfect floret always uppermost
	Spikelets compressed laterally or scarcely compressed, 1-many flowered, glumes usually persistent or subpersistent on the rachis after the fall of the flower—or if the spikelets fall entire, then not consisting of 2 heteromorphous florets of which the lower is 3 or barren
2.	Valves and pales much more delicate in texture than the glumes, valves awned (except in Urelytrum, Hemarthria, Elionurus, and Imperata)
	Valves similar in texture to the glumes or firmer, never entirely hyaline, occasionally mucronate, but seldom long awned. (In <i>Anthephora</i> the lower glume is rigidly coriaceous and longer than the valves, and in <i>Melinis</i> the barren valve is finely, sometimes long awned)
3.	Spikelets in pairs at least in the upper part of the raceme, one sessile or shortly pedicelled and one on a longer pedicel
	Spikelets solitary, on filiform pedicels, arranged in lax racemes on the branches of a long narrow panicle
4.	Spikelets of a raceme all alike in sex and form. 5 Spikelets differing in sex or form or both. 9
5.	Spikelets all pedicelled
6.	Spikelets arranged in long solitary, binate or digitate racemes terminating the culms. VIII. Trachypogon.
	Spikelets racemosely arranged on the branches of a panicle
7.	Panicle contracted, spike-like, dense, with long silvery-silky hairs; spikelets not awned
	Panicle much branched, large, often somewhat contracted but not spike-like, greyish or tawny villous, spikelets awned
8.	Racemes binate or digitate or subdigitate at the ends of the culms or the branches, villose with greyish or tawny hairs, spikelets awnedIII. Eulalia.
	Racemes solitary, terminating the culms and their branches, joints and pedicels fused, forming semi-cylindrical internodes, which are excavated on the inner face for the reception of the sessile spikelets. Spikelets not awned. VII. Hemarthria.
9.	Racemes solitary (at least in the South African species), terminating the culms and
	their branches
10.	Racemes enclosed or partially enclosed in spathes

⁽¹⁾ The numbers before the names refer to the order of the genera in the following list. Those without numbers have not been recorded within the limit of the Transvaal.

11.	Lower glume of sessile spikelet with involute margins, not or obscurely keeled towards the apex
	Lower glume of sessile spikelet with sharply inflexed margins; 2-keeled, keels running into teeth or mucros. Racemes slender; erect grasses usually tinged with red or brown. Much used for thatchingXIV. Schizachyrium.
12.	Racemes bearing 6-8 fertile, short-awned spikelets, almost entirely enclosed in the conspicuous brightly coloured, permanently cymbiform, spathes. XVIII. Monocymbium.
	Racemes much contracted, bearing I (rarely 2) fertile long-awned spikelet, the lower sessile florets approximating so as to form an involuere round the upper one. "Rooigras"
13.	Lower 3-10 pairs of spikelets homogamous, \mathcal{J} , the sessile of the upper pairs \mathcal{L} or \mathcal{L} , usually becoming dark brown, with a long hirsute twisted awn. "Speargrass." IX. Heteropogon.
14.	All pairs of spikelets heterogamous
15.	Valves of fertile floret entire, not awned
	Lower glume of pedicelled spikelet not long awned, racemes delicate and silvery villous. Aromatic grass with narrow folded and usually flexuous leaves. IX. Elyonurus.
16.	Pedicelled spikelets \mathcal{Q} , racemes arranged in a densely ferruginous hirsute panicle. Eriochrysis.
	Pedicelled spikelets of or neuter or suppressed
17.	Racemes not subtended by a spathe
	Racemes digitate or subdigitate. 19 Racemes panicled. 21
19.	Fertile valve bilobed, racemes binate, digitate, or fascicled, joints and pedicels cuneate, hollow and convex on the back
20.	Fertile valve stipiform, joints and pedicels filiform
	Joints and pedicels longitudinally grooved and hyaline in the groove, sometimes with the lowest pair of spikelets homogamousXII. Amphilophis.
21.	Racemes reduce to three spikelets, one sessile, and two pedicelled which terminate the branches of the culms, trio falling together from the thickened bearded tips of the peduncles
	Racemes lax, few jointed, arranged on the branches of large usually open panicles X. Sorghum

22.	Lower glume of sessile spikelet with sharply inflexed margins, 2-keeled
23.	Pairs of spikelets usually all heterogamous: racemes digitate or subdigitate, terminating the culm and its branches, peduncles usually long exserted from their narrow inrolled spathes
	Lowest pair of spikelets on the lower raceme, or on both racemes, always homogamous awns not hirsute; racemes binate, partially enclosed, or not very long exserted from the reddish cymbiform spathe. Racemes collected into compound spatheate often dense and contracted, panicles. Mostly aromatic grasses. XVI. Cymbopogon.
24.	Inflorescence of digitate, subdigitate, or racemosely arranged spike-like racemes 25 Inflorescence, an open, or contracted, or cylindrical, dense and spike-like panicle 37
25.	Racemes very slender, digitate or subdigitate or less often whorled, or scattered on a long common axis; spikelets muticous, nerves of the lower valve straight and parallel, margins of the upper valva flat and hyaline, lower glume minute or suppressed
	Racemes digitate, or sub-digitate, or racemosely arranged on a long common axis; spikelets often mucronate, lower glume well developed, nerves of the valve and glumes curved, margins of upper valve firm and inrolled
26.	Racemes digitate or subdigitate, nerves of the upper glume and lower valve 5, the outer nerves approximate and close to the margin; upper valve mucronate; upper glume and lower valve somewhat indurated; keels of the lower glume sometimes fimbriate, winged; spikelets 4-6 mm. longXXVIII. Alloteropsis.
	Racemes racemosely arranged or panicled on an elongated common axis 27
27.	Racemes very short (sometimes reduced to 1 spikelet), more or less sunk in the hollows on the face of a dorsally flattened, rather wide, common rachis. Creeping or prostrate perennial. The coarse couch grass of the Cape Province. Stenotaphrum.
	Racemes variously arranged on a more or less triquetrous, or terete, rarely flattened, narrow, common rachis
28.	Lower glume of the spikelet very much reduced or quite suppressed
29.	Lower glume reduced to a narrow membranous, or hyaline scale round the swollen bead-like lowest node of the spikelet
	Lower glume usually quite suppressed, rarely a minute scale, lowest node of spikelet not swollen and bead-like, upper glume convex, lower valve flat. XXIX. Paspalum.
	Spikelets with no definite orientation as regards the rachis

32.	Upper valve obtuse, abruptly mucronate, or aristulate; glumes muticous or cuspidate
	Upper valve apiculate or obtuse; glumes often distinctly cuspidate, or, like the valves, with compressed callous tips
33.	Fruiting floret gaping at the tip, owing to the slight recurving of the palea and valve
	Upper valve embracing the palea all along, glumes and lower valve mucronate, or with distinct hirsute awns, that of the lower glume the longest. XXXVIII. Oplismenus.
34.	Glumes and valves with compressed callus tips or crests Acroceras. Glumes and valves mucronate or shortly awned or at least cuspidate. XXXIII. Echinochloa.
3 5.	Spikelets not subtended by an involucre of one or more bristles, softly hairy. Leucophrys.
36.	Spikelets subtended by an involucre of bristles
37.	Inflorescence a more or less dense cylindrical spike-like panicle
38.	Spikelets single or in clusters, subtended by 1 or more bristles, or surrounded by an involucre of spinous bracts, or with the outer glumes indurated and forming a spurious involucre. Spikelets not subtended by an involucre of any sort. Upper glume with a curved or gibbous or saccate back, lower valve similar, but with a flatter back, hence the spikelet more or less oblique in profile. Spikes usually very dense and dark coloured. Sacciolepis Sacciolepis
	Spikelets subtended by 1 or more bristles
	Bristles of the involucre deciduous with the spikelets, glumes small, delicate, scale-like, often nerveless; upper valve more or less resembling the lower, smooth, and not strongly concaveXL. Pennisetum.
41.	Involucre composed of hard spinous bracts and deciduous with the enclosed cluster of spikelets, forming a spiny "burr"
	Clusters of spikelets with the upper glumes turned towards the centre, the acuminate squarrose outer glumes contiguous at the base, and forming a spurious involucre round the deciduous cluster
42.	Tips of upper glume and lower valve notched or bilobed, often with a fine awn lower glume minute
	Tips of glumes and valves entire, lower glume well developed (small and hyaline in Sacciolepis)
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43.	Upper glume and barren valve 5-nerved, nerves faint and anastomosing below the obtuse tips 44
	Upper glume 7-, barren valve 5-nerved, nerves prominent and not anastomosing below the acute tips, barren valve usually finely awnedXXVII. Melinis.
44.	Upper glume and barren valve gibbous and long silky hairy XXXVI, Tricholaena- Upper glume and barren valve not gibbous, glabrous, or at most shortly hairy.
48	XXXVII. Xyochlaena.
45.	Upper glume saccate (hence spikelets very gibbous), with 9-11 prominent rib-like herves, lower glume small, hyaline
	equally convex, hence spikelet more or less symmetrical in profile. XXXIV. Panicum.
46.	Leaf blades never transversely veined, in South African species, nor articulated on the sheath
10	Spikelets more than 1-flowered
48.	Inflorescence an open, contracted, or more or less spike-like panicle
49.	Spikelets disarticulating below the glumes and falling entire. 50 Spikelets disarticulating above the glumes. 51
50.	Spikelets in clusters or sometimes solitary in a dense cylindric spike-like panicle, the upper glume turned away from the rachis and with lines of short hooked spines on the prominent nerves
ev.	Spikelets large, strongly laterally compressed, on the slender branches of an elongated spreading or contracted panicle, glumes scale or bristle-like. Valves strongly nervedXLII. Oryza.
	Valves unawned
52.	Glumes well developed
53.	Glumes equal or subequal, floret shorter than the glumes, spikelets light green 54 Lower glumes usually smaller, often much smaller, than the upper, floret longer than the glumes, spikelets grey or greyish green, seldom gaping early. L. Sporobolus.
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04.	Glumes closely 3-nerved at the base, valve faintly 7-nerved, finely silky villous; pale subequal to the valve; ligule a fringe of hairs. A very delicate, much dwarfed perennial with a scanty lax panicle
	Glumes 1-nerved, valve 3-nerved, glabrous or hairy (not silky), pale shorter than the valve, ligule membranous
55.	Awn from the back of the valve

56.	Calfus small and long hairy, hairs usually exceeding the valve. Spikelets about 6 mm long, straw coloured, shining, and crowded into a dense linear or linear oblong, spike-like panicle
57.	Glumes plumose, bristle tipped, panicle spike-like, compact, oblong, softly hairy Lagurus.
	Glumes glabrous, often scaberulous, not bristle tipped; panicle glabrous, spike-like, or open and lax
58.	Glumes awned; valve shorter than the glumes, very thin to hyaline; panicle contracted, spike-like, and plumose from the fine awns and bristlesPolypogon.
5 9.	Glumes occasionally rather long mucronate, but never awned
	Awn simple, ligules membranous
60.	Awns rather coarse, kneed and strongly twisted below the knee, floret cylindric or linear oblong
	linear oblong. Stipa- Awn straight. 61
61.	Floret shorter than the glumes; valve convolute and more or less flattened from the back, 5-nerved, with minutely bilobed tips; awn from the sinus, eaducous. XLVIII. Oryzopsis.
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	Floret exserted from the glumes; valve involute and rounded from the back, 3-nerved and continuous with the awnXLIX. Pseudobromus.
	Spikes solitary
63.	Glumes linear or linear lanceolate tipped by an awn, or subulate, or bristle-like 64 Glumes not awned
64.	Spikelets in groups of 3 at the nodes of the rachis of a dense bristly spike, the two lateral 3 or barren, the middle one §; valve herbaceous, chartaceous, awned. Hordeum.
	Spikelets very small, solitary, on the rachis of a slender spike, awas of glunes up to ten times as long as the glume, and usually capillary and purplish, valve smaller than the glumes and delicately hyaline
65.	Spikelets more or less immersed in the hollows of the rachis of a simple terminal spike, lower glume reduced or altogether suppressed
66.	Upper glume 5-7-nerved, very rigid and acute; valve hyaline acute, glabrous. finely 3-nerved; callus obsolete
	Upper glume 1-3-nerved, rigid except at the hyaline margins, valve hyaline, truncate or minutely 3-toothed, 3-nerved, and hairy along the nerves, callus bearded. LXXXI. Oropetium
67.	Spikelets arranged unilaterally on a flattened rachis, rachilla disarticulating above the glumes, which are persistent or deciduousLVII. Michrochloa
	Spikelets arranged singly on minutely tomentose notches in spirals round a ribbed and scabrid axis, from which they fall entire. Glumes subequal, lower boatshaped and falcate

68.	Mature spikelets tardily disarticulating below the glumes, valve 1-nerved. Spikelets 12-14 mm. long on a triquetrous excurrent rachis. Spikes 1-3, yellowish. Maritime grasses
	Mature spikelets readily disarticulating above the glumes, the lower glume persistent. Valve 3-nerved, spikelets about 2 mm. long on a slender-keelet not excurrent, rachis. Spikes digitate or subdigitateLVIII. Cynodon.
	Spikelets arranged in secund spikes or racemes
70.	Spikes solitary, terminating the culms
71.	Valves awned
72.	Lower glume symmetrical, thin, keeled; upper glume 2-3-nerved with a stiff short awn from the middle; valve entire and awned just below the tip. Spikelets in dense unilateral, usually curved spikes
	Lower glume inequilateral, one side dilated below the middle into a tooth, lobe, or wing. Upper glume entire, or notched below the mucronate or apiculate tip, but not awned. Valve 2-fid and awned from the sinus or 4-fid with the outer lobes awned. Spikelets rather remote on a slender furrowed rachis. LXII. Tripogon.
73.	Valves 7-nerved, navicular, finely tomentose in the lower half, with clavate hairs; spikelets 2, ranked
74.	Valves minutely bilobed, spikelets 2-flowered, dorsally and obliquely compressed, glabrous, lower floret hermaphrodite
75.	Upper florets crowded in a club-shaped body not exceeding the hermaphrodite floret and enveloped by the valve of the lowest male floret; valves white and densely ciliate along the nervesLIX. Harpechloa.
	Upper florets not as above
76.	Spikelets in spike-like panicles that terminate the culms and their branches; glumes not awned, keels cartilaginous, muricate pectinate. Ligule a line of bairs. Prionachne.
	Spikelets unilateral on short slender spreading or deflexed spikes that are racemosely arranged on an elongated common axis. Glumes awned, smooth. Ligule membranous
77.	Spikes in umbels
78.	Valves awned
79.	Upper glume mucronate or more often with a curved awn, tips of the rachis barren and forming a sharp mucro
	Upper glume obtuse or acute, and with a straight bristle or mucro, tips of the rachis not bareLXI. Chloris.

80.	Glumes strongly keeled, 3-5-nerved, keel crested, spikelets greenish, 3-6-flowered. LXIV. Eleusine.
	Glumes rounded or flat on the back, upper shortly and obtusely bilobed, spikelets brownish, 2-flowered
81.	Spikes forming a compound spike
82.	Glumes and barren valves 1-nerved, fertile valves 5-nerved; styles very short. Tetrachne.
	Glumes 3-5-nerved, barren valves 6-8 nerved, fertile valves prominently 9-11-nerved; styles very long
83.	Valves rigidly membranous, acuminate, quite glabrous; panicles long and narrow with spreading, more or less curved, branchesLXXIII. Pogonarthria.
	Valves obtuse, with broad hyaline tips and finely silky side nerves; branches of the panicle few and erect
	Ligule a fringe of hairs
	Spikelets 2-flowered86Spikelets more than 2-flowered93
	Fertile valve awnless, sometimes with a bristle-like mucro
87.	Panicle open with fine branches and shining straw-coloured or purple-tinged spikelets, or if contracted into a spike-like panicle, then the lowest spikelets not consisting of a few empty glumes, and the valves not navicular with a submarginal line of hairs on each side. Panicle densely spiciform
88.	Spiciform panicle dense, compact, cylindric, never interrupted, greyish-green, often tinged with purple, usually from 2½ 5 cm. long; spikelets strongly laterally compressed, lowest spikelets consisting of a few empty glumes; glumes long and softly or rigidly citiate along the keelsLXXI. Fingerhuthia.
	Spiciform panicle smaller with fewer less strongly compressed spikelets, often much interrupted, no empty glumes at base of spike, glumes usually hispid with coarse tubercle based hairs
89.	Lower floret awnless, 3 or barren
90.	Spikelets solitary on distinct pedicels
91.	Spikelets small, never more than 5 mm., valve of upper floret 2-setose, minutely 2-toothed or entire, awn sometimes reduced or absentXXVI. Arundinella.
	Spikelets from 4 mm. to 3.25 cm., upper valve always distinctly 2-toothed or 2-lobed, awn always kneed
92.	Ovary obovoid with a very dense, deciduous tomentum, consisting of branched hairs, at the top. Spikelets 14-24 mm. long
	Ovary oblong, glabrous, spikelets 2-12 mm. longPentaschistis.
93.	Fertile valves lobed

94.	Fertile valves 2-lobed95Fertile valves 4-9-lobed97
95.	Spikelets deciduous with the bearded upper part of the pedicel; rhachilla tough above the glumes, but readily disarticulating between the valves; awn from the sinus, kneed. Perennials, with flat soft leaves and narrow contracted panicle. Chaetobromus.
	Spikelets disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves 96
96.	Glumes not keeled, prominently nerved on the back, greenish with white hyaline margins; awn from the sinus of the 2-lobed valve, small and straight. Small annuals
	Glumes keeled, often distinctly but not prominently nerved, usually straw-coloured and shining; awn usually kneed and twisted; hairs of the valve often gathered into tufts or lines. Perennial, seldom annual
97.	Fertile floret 1; valve cleft into 9 subulate awn-like lobes. LXVIII. Enneapogon.
	Fertile florets, 3-5; valves cleft into four hyaline lobes, alternating with five straight awns from the sinuses
98.	Fertile valves not awned
99.	Valves 3-nerved.100Valves more than 3-nerved.102
100.	Florets usually numerous and far exserted from the glumes; glumes and valves entire, awnless, side nerves of the latter distant from the middle nerve and often short; spikelets usually panicledLXXV. Eragrostis.
	Florets not, or shortly, exserted from the glumes; spikelets in a dense compact cylindric spike-like panicle
101.	Spikelets jointed on and deciduous from the pedicels; glumes long and softly or rigidly ciliate; spikelets at the base of the panicle reduced to empty glumes. LXXI. Fingerhuthia.
	Spikelets disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves, purplish, and villous from soft grey hairs; no empty glumes at base of spike LXXVII. Stiburus,
102.	Glumes 1-nerved. LXXI. Fingerhuthia. Glumes 4-7-nerved
103.	Spikelets 2-4-flowered, florets not exserted from the glumes; panicle spiciform, dense or sometimes with spiciform branches; spikelets mostly hispid from short coarse tubercle-based hairs
	Spikelets 4-9-flowered, florets distinctly, often far exserted from the glumes. Brizopyrum.
	Panicle ovoid, compact, very small, embraced at the base by the uppermost sheath, deciduous from the terminal node, culms 3-6 in. long
105.	Spikelets always with 2 florets
	Spikelets of two kinds, the fertile surrounded by the sterile

107.	Spikelets sessile, imbricate in a dense cylindric spikeSecale.
	Spikelets in an open or contracted panicle
108.	Spikelets disarticulating from the tips of the pedicels; glumes pectinate ciliate on the keels, the lower 1-, the upper 3-, nerved; panicle usually contracted, occasionally spike-like
	Spikelets disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves; glumes not pectinate ciliate on the keels, both 1-nerved; panicle delicate, open, with capillary branches
	Valves 3-nerved.110Valves more than 3-nerved.115
110.	Lowest floret of or barren, the rest &; spikelets enveloped by long hairs that spring from the long callus; panicle large, lax, and silkyLXXII. Phragmites.
	Lowest floret &, upper & barren of reduced.
1 1	Valves minutely toothed, or notched or occasionally entire, but not distinctly lobed 112 Valves lobed
112.	Upper glume 3-nerved, lower 1- or 3-nerved
113.	Valves truncate with 4 minute hyaline teeth, mid-nerve excurrent into a fine bristle, callus slender and acute.
	Valve 2-toothed or minutely notched or entire, callus very small or wanting.
114.	Valves shortly 2-lobed, side nerves not excurrent, callus small hairy; panicle spreading or contracted, with simple branches on which the subsessile or shortly pedicelled spikelets are appressed and rather far apartLXVII. Crossotropis.
	Valves 3-lobed, the middle lobe more or less 2-fid and awned from the sinus, the side nerves also excurrent into fine awns; callus slender, acute, and bearded. LXX. Triraphis.
115.	Spikelets enveloped by long hairs that spring from the back of the valve; panicle large compound
	Spikelets not enveloped by long hairs
	Lowest florets of the spikelet δ or barren, or reduced
1	Lower valves much larger than the upper fertile valve
118.	Lower male or barren valves awned from the back, membranous and equal. A sweet scented grassXLVI. Anthoxanthum.
	Lower barren valves awnless or awned from the tip, cartilaginous. XLIV. Ehrharta.
119.	Glumes reduced to minute scales or to an obscure, entire, or bilobed rim. A weak flaccid grass
	Glumes large, enclosing the valves; leaves flat; panicle stiff and more or less spict- formXLV. Phalaris.
120.	Lower 1-3 florets &, upper florets barren, embracing each other and forming a club-
	shaped or oblong body
	shaped or oblong body Upper valves not forming a club-shaped body

122.	Ovary glabrousTrisetum.
	Top of ovary hairy
123.	Spikelets large; glumes rounded on the back, 7-11- nerved; panicle larger and lax with pendulous spikelets
,	Spikelets medium sized; glumes more or less keeled, 1-3- (rarely up to 7-) nerved; narrow, stiff, erect panicleLIV. Avenastrum.
	Valves awnless
125.	Valves closely imbricate, broadly boat-shaped, saccate, and scarious; spikelets on long capillary pedicels
	Valves not broadly boat-shaped, or saccate and scarious
	Spikelets sessile and solitary at the hollows of a simple spike
127.	Spikelets with their flattened side appressed to the rachisAgropyrum.
	Spikelets with their flattened side radial to the rachisLXXX. Lolium.
128.	Styles lateral from the hairy 2-3-lobed appendage of the ovaryLXXIX. Bromus. Styles terminal or subterminal
129.	Glumes and valves distinctly keeled, valves often with a tuft of long curled wool at the baseLXXVIII. Poa.
	Glumes and valves rounded on the back or slightly keeled towards the tips, or glumes only keeled
130.	Glumes and valves rounded on the back; valves hyaline, variegated towards the tips, firm below, broad, obtuse
	Glumes distinctly keeled, valves rounded or keeled towards the tips 131
131.	Short annuals, with stiff panicles; spikelets shortly pedicelled and more or less appressed to the short stiffly spreading branches; valves oblong, obtuse; ligules hyaline
	Perennials with compound, usually open, flexuous, panicles (panicles reduced almost to a raceme in <i>F. vulpioides</i>); valves lanceolate, acute or subacute; ligules scarious
132.	Valves with shining hyaline tips and margins; awn very short; panicle spike-like, cylindric
	Valves entirely herbaceous or chartaceous, or if with hyaline tips and margins, then not in a cylindric spiciform panicle
133.	Ligules oblong-acute, up to 6 mm. long; spikelets collected in compact, usually secund clusters, on a contracted or spiciform panicle
>.	Ligules rounded, truncate, or obtuse; usually very short and often reduced to a membranous rim
134.	Glumes of all, or at least of the lateral, spikelets very unequal, the lower glume minute or suppressed
	Glumes not very unequal
135.	Spikelets on short club-shaped pedicels, the lower glume of all the spikelets minute or obsolete
	Spikelets sessile on a simple spike, lower glume of terminal floret equal or subequal to the upper
136.	Ovary with an often large villous appendage, styles lateral from the appendage 138 Ovary without a villous appendage

	Spikelets of two kinds, the fertile surrounded by the sterile
138.	Spikelets subsessile in a simple raceme or false spike, with the flattened side to the axis
	Spikelets pedicelled, in open or contracted panicleLXXIX. Bromus.
139.	Spikelets monoecious; 3 spikelets smaller than the 2 on the lower branches of the panicle
	Spikelets all alike \(\xi \dots \)
140.	Stamens 3
	Stamens 6Bambusa.

I. IMPERATA, Cyr (109).

Spikelets all alike, generally 2-nate (one short-, the other long-pedicelled) on the continuous branches (racemes) of a spike-like or narrowly thyrsiform panicle, disarticulating from the pedicels. Florets 2; the lower reduced to an empty valve (very rarely 3?). Glumes sub-equal, membranous, 3-9-nerved, rarely nerveless, enveloped by very long silky hairs from the obscure callus and the lower portion of both glumes. Valve of the lower floret generally much smaller than the glumes, hyaline; of upper floret still smaller, hyaline, awnless, rarely 0. Valvule broad, hyaline, nerveless. Lodicules 0. Stamens 1-2. Styles connate below; stigmas linear, exserted from the top of the spikelet. Grain oblong; embryo half the length of the grain or more.

Perennial; basal leaves crowded and, like those of the innovation shoots, long;

panicle silvery-silky.

I. arundinacea, Cyr., var. Thunbergii, Hack.

Pretoria: A. O. D. Mogg in National Herb. 39, Burtt-Davy 828; Tzaneen, Rogers 12509; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Stent; Walven Kraal, Waterberg, Pole Evans 614.

A coarse grass with creeping underground stolons, common in vleis and on the banks of streams, widely distributed throughout South Africa, also in Tropical Africa; of no agricultural value.

II. MISCANTHIDIUM, Stapf (112).

Spikelets all alike, 2-nate, those of each pair unequally pedicelled on the articulate and tough or very tardily disarticulating rhachis of panicled racemes, falling from their pedicels. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper always §. Glumes equal, chartaceous to coriaceous, lower dorsally flattened, more or less distinctly 2-keeled, with inflexed margins and a variable number of intracarinal nerves, upper 1-3-nerved, keeled. Valves hyaline, of the lower floret muticous or mucronate, of the upper awned; awn

perfect. Valvules small, hyaline, nerveless. Lodicules 2, cuneate. Stamens 3. Stigmas usually laterally exserted. Grain oblong to linear-oblong; embryo half the length of the grain.

Perennial, erect; blades long, narrow, midrib very stout or the whole blade terete (tropical African species); ligules membranous; panicle much-branched, often large, sifky, and showy, spikelets usually villous, and with an involucre of hairs at the base.

M. junceum, Stapf (Stapf in Hook. Ic., Pl. XXXI, tab. 3084 = Erianthus junceus

Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 324).
Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2306; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2000; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8878; Almans Drift, Bushveld, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 597.

A tall reed-like grass growing in vleis and on river banks.

III, EULALIA, Kunth. (113A).

Spikelets all alike, or nearly so, 2-nate, one sessile, the other pedicelled, on the articulate fragile rhachis of 2-nate, digitate or fascicled spike-like racemes, the pedicelled falling from their pedicels, the sessile deciduous together with the contiguous joint of the rhachis and the pedicel. Florets typically 2; lower reduced to an empty valve or represented by a minute scale or quite suppressed; upper always §. Glumes equal, rigidly membranous to coriaceous; lower dorsally flattened or shallowly concave (not grooved), more or less 2-keeled with inflexed margins; upper 1-3-nerved, keeled. Valves hyaline; lower muticous, sometimes much reduced or quite suppressed; upper very short, 2-lobed, awned. Valvules small or 0. Lodicules 2, small, cuneate. Stamens 3. Stigmas linear, laterally exserted. Grain oblong; embryo almost half the length of the grain or longer; hilum basal, punctiform.

Perennial. Culms simple, erect, or ascending. Leaf-blades convolute in bud, then flat, usually narrow, gradually passing into the sheath. Racemes often coloured (brown

or purplish).

E. villosa, Nees. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 99 = Pollinia villosa, Spreng., Stapf. in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 325). Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1437; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 450.

E. geniculata, Stapf. (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 101). Mosdene, Naboomspruit, in moist places. Galpin 442. A tropical grass.

IV. ISCHAEMUM, Linn. (119).

Spikelets of each pair alike, or differing only in sex, or more or less heteromorphous, one sessile or sub-sessile, the other pedicelled on the articulate fragile rhachis of 2-nate, digitate or fascicled, spike-like racemes, the pedicelled falling from their pedicels, the sessile deciduous together with the adjacent joint of the rhachis and the pedicel. Florets 2; lower generally 3; upper \(\xi\$, rarely 3 or neuter in the pedicelled spikelets. Sessile spikelet: glumes equal or sub-equal, lower dorsally flattened or somewhat convex and usually coriaceous below, chartaceous and markedly nerved upwards, rarely shallowly concave and more or less chartaceous throughout (§ Coelischaemum), more or less 2-keeled with inflexed margins; upper boat-shaped keeled at least above, sometimes awned. Valves rigidly membranous to hyaline, of lower floret muticous, of upper usually 2-fid and awned from the sinus, rarely mucronate or muticous. Valvules more or less equalling their valves, hyaline. Lodicules 2, cuneate. Stamens 3, sometimes smaller or rudimentary in the fertile flower. Stigmas linear-oblong, laterally exserted. Grain oblong or lanceolate, dorsally compressed; embryo reaching to the middle of the grain. Pedicelled spikelet in structure like the sessile, or more or less reduced, of or neuter and awnless.



A, Pedicelled spikelet; B, Lower glume; C, Upper glume; D, Upper valve; E, Lower glume of sessile spikelet, back view; F, Lower glume of sessile spikelet, front view; G, Upper glume of sessile spikelet; H, Lower valve of sessile spikelet; I, Pale; J, Upper valve of sessile spikelet; K, Pale; L, Pistil and stamens

Generally perennial; blades convolute when young, at length flat; ligules generally membranous; racemes compressed, joints flattened or sub-concave on the inner side and often stout, sessile spikelets dorsally compressed, often rather broad, the pedicelled sometimes apparently laterally compressed with a median keel owing to the more or less complete suppression of one side.

I, arcuatum Stapf. (Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 33 = Ischaemum fasciculatum, var. arcuatum Hook. ex Stapf. in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 327).

Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy 2339.
Also from Natal and Tropical Africa.

I. glaucostachyum, Stapf.

Strubens Farm, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4482; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent H. 5173; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1138; Rooikop, Bushveld, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 542, Nietverdient; Zeerust, Pole Evans 329; Klipdrift, Marico District, Pole Evans 310.

A very glaucous grass with creeping underground stolons, good fodder for cattle, makes palatable hay, one of the best bushveld species. Commonly known as "turf-grass."

I. Mellei, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne. Culmi erecti vel geniculati, ascendentes, simplices, vel ramis prope basim et aliquando e nodis superioribus, ad 120 cm. alti, glabri, tereti vel sub compressi. Vaqinae foliorum laxae, striatae, tomentosae vel hirsutae, saepe longiores quam internodi, nodis albido-barbartis; ligulae membranacae, truncatae, ciliatae, ad 2 mm. longae; laminae lineares ad 20 cm. longae, 12 mm. latae, planae, dense hirsutae, cum circa 5 nervis lateralibus latere costa utroque. Racemi 3, raro 2-4, 6-9 cm. longi, medii breviter pedunculati; articuli triquetri, 3-4 mm. longi, recti vel paulo curvati, purpurescentes, ciliati; pedicelli articulique aequales et sub paralleli, et apud junctionem non excisi. Spicula sessila 8 mm. longa; glumae inaequales, maculis purpureis, superior paulo longior; inferior late ovato-lanceolata, basi contracta, epice paulo bifido, 5-9 nervis, dorso rotundo, longo hirsuto, apicem versus bi-carinata, lato-alataque; superior cymbiforma, acuminata, mucronata, 5 nervi, margines superiores atque carina angusto-alata ciliati. Anthoecium inferum: valva glumam sub-equalis, lanceolata, acuta, uno-nervata, membranacea, marginibus superioribus ciliatis, palea valvam sub-aequalis, carinis asperulis. Anthoecium superum: valva 5 nerva, ad medium bilobata; lobae ciliatae, arista circa 7 mm. longa; palea angusto-oblonga, fere valvam aequalis, carinis scabris, antherae 2-5 mm. longae. Spicula pedicellata 6 mm. longa; gluma inferior cymbiforma, lanceolata, acuminata, 11 nervis, dorso longe-hirsuta, carina apicem versus late alata; cetera similis spiculae sessilis sed valva superior haud profunde lobata.

Pastills Farm, Pretoria. Melle in Nat. Herb. H. 21423.

Very near to *I. purpurascens*, Stapf. (ex. descr.), from which it differs in being larger in all its parts and very hairy, the joints and pedicels not being excised, and in the broadly winged keels of the lower glumes.

A very early vlei grass, very palatable to stock, but not frost resistant.

V. **SEHIMA**, Forsk. (119A).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair differing in sex and (in the African species) also much in shape, one sessile, the other pedicelled on the articulate fragile rhachis of solitary spike-like racemes, the pedicelled tardily separating from their pedicels, the sessile deciduous together with the adjacent joint of the rhachis and the pedicel. Florets 2; lower 3, upper \$\neq\$ in the sessile, \$\neq\$ or neuter in the pedicelled spikelets. Sessile spikelets: Glumes equal or sub-equal; lower deeply grooved, rarely flat, 2-dentate or 2-mucronate, more or less chartaceous, upwards acutely 2-keeled with inflexed margins, keels winged; upper glume boat-shaped, keeled upwards with a bristle-like awn. Valves hyaline, of lower floret entire, muticous, of upper 2-fid and awned from the sinus. Valvules more or less

equalling their valves, hyaline. Lodicules 2, cuneate. Stamens 3. Stigmas linear-oblong, laterally exserted. Grain oblong, obtusely trigonous; embryo reaching to the middle of the grain. Pedicelled spikelets flat, with (in the African species) a strongly nerved or ribbed lower glume, and 2 florets resembling the lower floret of the sessile spikelets, the lower or both more or less reduced and barren.

Perennial or annual; blades convolute when young, at length flat, narrow; ligules a line of stiff hairs; racemes usually gently curved, dorsiventral and laterally compressed, with the pedicelled spikelets converging over the convex side, joints and pedicels sublinear and parallel; sessile and pedicel spikelets strikingly heteromorphous in the African species.

S. galpinii, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne. Culmi erecti, ad 1.5 m. alti, teretes, laeves, glabri, simplices, 2-4 nodi, internodi superiores, longissimi, exserti. Folia glauca; vaginae tenuite, sulcatae, laeves, glabrae vel nonnunquam nodi inferiores tomentosae; superiores aliquantum arctae, inferiores confertae fere flabellatae; liquiae ovatae, setis rigidis 2 mm. longis constitae; laminae anguste lineares, circa 4 mm. latae, 15-30 cm. longae, longe in apicem setaceum attenuatae, planae, glabrae, scaberulae, marginibus albis scabris cartilaginibus; costa gracilis, supra albida, 4-5 nervis lateralibus costae utrimque. Racemus solitarius, ad 19 cm. longus, strictus vel aliquantum curvus; articuli pedicellique paralleli, 7 mm. longi, subcompressi vel tenuite concavi, glabri nitensque, dense albo ciliatos margines. Spicula sessilis 15 mm. longa, subfalcata; glumae aequales; inferior praete apicem membranaceum chartacea, subfalcata, cum 9 nervibus inaequalis et cum transversis saepe brachiatis in parte superiore venulis, admodum carinata, carina exterior ala angusta ciliata et margine latiore inflexo, interior et exterior scabrida, dorsus flavus viridis nervibus carinisque; superior navicularis, chartacea, nitens, laevis, marginibus longe ciliatis, 5 nervis cum venulis transversis, apice carinata, carina ala ciliata, in setam longam excurrente. Anthoecium inferum 3: valva 11 mm. longa, minute biloba, hyalina, 2 nervis, apicem versus scabridis, marginibus inflexis; palea similis valvae sed rigidior et omnino scabrida; Antherae 3, 6 mm. longae; lodiculae cuneatae, carnosae, 1 mm. longae. Anthoecium superum & : valva 3 mm. longa, biloba, 3 nervis, parte inferiore hyalina, margines ciliates; arista 40 mm. longa, columna bruneo-fulva, marginibus involutibus minutissime ciliatis; palea valvam equalis, acuminata, minute biloba; antherae et lodiculae iis in anthoecio infero similis; styli compressi, distincti; caryopsis trigona, urceolata. Spiculae pedicellatae 15 mm. longae: gluma inferior subfalcata, flavia, purpureo-tincta, 7 nervis, intercarinas cum venulis transversis, nervi carinaeque viridi; gluma superior inferiorem subaequalis, sub-cymbiforma, membranacea, scabrida, 3 nervis, marginibus hyalinis, ciliatis; anthoecia 2, 3; valva inferior, gracilis, membranacea, ciliata, minute bidentata, 3 nervis, nerva media in punctam callosum deltoideam excurrente; palea linearis, 2 nervis; anthoecium superum anthoecii inferi in spicula sessile simile.

Geluk, Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Galpin M. 557.

This comes nearest to the Indian species, S. notata, but has much larger spikelets. The flat lower glume of the sessile spikelet without a depressed channel on the median line separates it from other known African species, none of which are recorded so far south.

Mr. Galpin says of this grass: "In addition to growing on the farms Geluk and Zaai-plaats, there are also large patches of it growing on the adjoining farms Zandfontein Oog and Welbekend. . . It is an excellent thatching grass, the culms being stout and very free from leaves, but it is not eaten by stock."

VI. URELYTRUM, Hack. (125).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair different in shape and sex, one sessile, the other pedicelled, on the very fragile rhachis of solitary, paired, or racemed subcylindric spikelike racemes, the sessile deciduous with the adjacent joint of the rhachis and pedicel; joints obliquely truncate with appendaged tips. Sessile spikelets; florets 2, lower 3

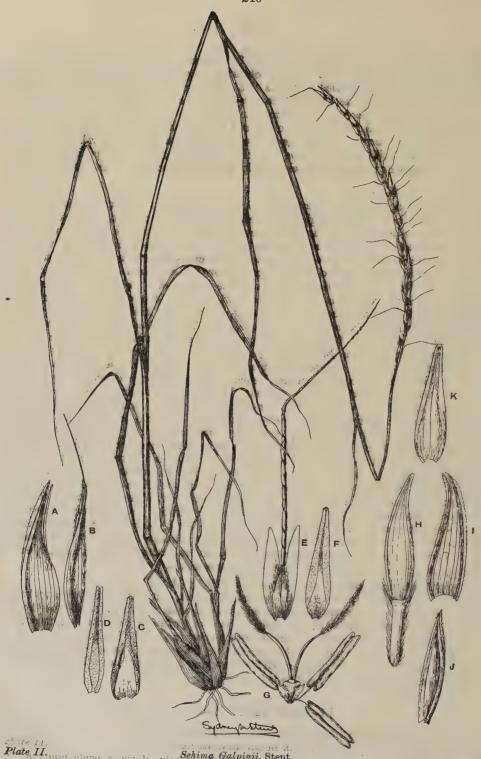


Plate II.

A, Lower glume of sessile spikelet; B, Upper glume of sessile spikelet; C, Lower valve of sessile spikelet; D, Pale; E, Upper valve of sessile spikelet; F, Pale; G Pistil and stamens; H, Pedicelled spikelet; I, Lower glume, front view; J, Upper glume; K, Lower valve.

Glumes equal or subequal; lower coriaceous, dorsally flattened, 2-keeled, muticous; upper subchartaceous or membranous, boat-shaped, keeled. Valves hyaline, subequal, slightly shorter than the glumes, muticous, of lower floret 2-, of upper 3- to sub-5-nerved. Valvules almost equalling their valves, hyaline, 2-nerved. Lodicules 2, cuneate. Stamens 3. Stigmas linear, laterally exserted. Grain narrow, oblong, terete at the middle; scutellum to the middle; hilum obovate, basal. Pedicelled spikelets with 2 & florets and with the lower glume narrowed into a subulate often long awn, otherwise as in the sessile spikelets, or more or less reduced, sometimes to a pair of rudimentary glumes, the lower of which is represented by a long awn, flattened and widened at the base.

Perennial, rarely annual; culms erect, few-noded, simple; blades narrow, linear,

flat or convolute; racemes long, rigid.

U. squarrosum, Hack.
Paardevallen No. 12, near Zeerust, Burtt-Davy 7196; Observatory Ridge, Johannesburg, Burtt-Davy 3098; Houghton Estate, Johannesburg, Bryant C. 16. A coarse sour grass.

VII. HEMARTHRIA, R.Br. (127A).

Spikelets 2-nate on the tough or tardily disarticulating rhachis of spike-like spathesupported racemes which terminate the culms and their often fascicled branches, alike in sex and shape, or at least similar; joints and pedicels fused into roughly semicylindric internodes, hollowed out on the inner face for the reception of the sessile spikelet; disarticulation at a right angle to the rhachis or slightly oblique, tips of joints truncate, not hollowed out or appendaged. Sessile spikelet: florets 2, lower reduced to a barren valve, upper &, awnless. Glumes equal or subequal, lower flat on the back, 2-keeled, very narrowly inflexed along the margins, coriaceous or subcoriaceous, closing up the cavity formed by the adjacent joint and pedicel, upper membranous adhering to the inner face of the cavity. Valves hyaline, of lower floret 2-nerved, of upper usually nerveless. Valvule (of upper floret) hyaline, small, nerveless. Lodicules 2, cuneate. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted. Grain oblong, dorsally slightly compressed; embryo about two-thirds the length of the grain; hilum conspicuous, punctiform, subbasal. Pedicelled spikelet with more elongated acuminate glumes, particularly the terminal, the upper glume mucronate or aristate.

Decumbent or ascending perennial grasses with many-noded branched compound culms; blades linear, conduplicate in bud, then flat; ligules very short, membranous; racemes compressed, often curved, tips more or less subulate owing to the slender terminal spikelet; spikelets pseudo-opposite owing to the fusion of joints and pedicels, each pair made up of a sessile (secondary) spikelet and the pedicelled companion of the sessile spikelet of the next lower node.

H. fasciculata, Stapf (Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 55 = Rottboellia compressa, var. fasciculata, Hack. ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VIII, 329).

Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3843, Pole Evans 366; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 11706; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1409; Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 112; Almans Drift, Bushveld, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 596.

A common species of vleis and streams usually semiprostrate, with creeping base. Found throughout Africa, moderately frost-resistant. Well liked by cattle.

VIII. TRACHYPOGON, Nees. (131).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair differing in sex and slightly in shape, both pedicelled on the tough or upwards very tardily disarticulating many-jointed rhachis of solitary, 2-nate, or digitate racemes, terminating the culms; pedicels unequal (the lower very short), fused towards the base with each other and the adjacent internode of the rhachis, this and the pedicels terete or subterete, the longer of the latter disarticulating very obliquely; internodes marked off by very oblique and usually shortlybearded articulation lines; subsessile spikelets persistent; long-pedicelled spikelets falling separately. Florets 2, lower reduced to an empty valve, upper of or neuter in the subsessile, & in the upper longpedicelled spikelet. Fertile (upper) spikelets more or less terete, awned; callus acute to very pungent, densely bearded. Glumes equal or subequal; the lower firmly chartaceous to coriaceous, subconvolute, finely 2-keeled upwards, the inflexed margins very narrow or reduced to a mere rim, nerves 5-9 in addition to the keel-nerves, mostly obscure except in transmitted light, more or less connected by transverse veins in the upper part; upper thinner, 3-nerved, grooved on either side of the rounded keel. Valve of lower floret hyaline, 2-nerved, ciliate or ciliolate upwards, of upper floret stipitiform, hyaline and 3-nerved at the base, cartilaginous upwards and passing into a flexuous or geniculate awn. Valvule very small, hyaline or 0. Lodicules 2, small, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted; styles terminal. Grain terete; embryo about half the length of the grain. Male or neuter (lower) spikelets dorsally flattened (particularly the lower of a raceme) or more or less terete, awnless; callus 0. Glume and valve of the lower floret similar to those of the fertile spikelets. Valve of the upper floret narrow, hyaline, entire or 2-toothed, with or without a minute mucro, rarely produced into a short bristle. Stamens 3. Pistil, if present, rudimentary.

Perennial (very rarely annual?), densely caepitose grasses, with more or less slender wiry culms conspicuously bearded below the nodes; the beards appressed, covering the

constricted nodes; leaf-blades narrow, frequently convolute.

T. plumosus, Nees. (ex Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 403=T. polymorphus, var.

capensis, Hack. ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 331).

Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb., H. 21144; Groenkloof, Pretoria, Phillips, H. 21683; Johannesburg, on steep hillsides, Bryant D. 22; near Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4077; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5471; Leeuwpoort, Carol na, Burtt-Davy 7343; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 476.

Fairly widely distributed through the tropical and subtropical regions of the world. A coarse grass only palatable when young; tested as a material for paper-making at the Imperial Institute, it was found to yield good pulp, but the ultimate fibres were rather short; good thatching grass.

IX. ELYONURUS, Humb. and Bonpl. (132).

Spikelets similar, usually awnless, but differing in sex, 2-nate, one sessile, the other pedicelled, on the articulate fragile rhachis of solitary spike-like racemes, the sessile deciduous with the adjacent joint of the rhachis and the pedicel. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve; upper \(\frac{1}{2}\) in the sessile, \(\frac{1}{2}\), rarely barren, in the pedicelled spikelet. Glumes equal; lower subcoriaceous to herbaceous, often 2-toothed or 2-fid, rarely awned, dorsally flattened, 2-keeled, usually with fine filiform transparent balsam ducts close to the ciliate or penicillate keels; upper membranous, lanceolate, acute, rarely awned. Valves hyaline, awnless. Valvule obsolete or 0. Lodicules 2, cuneate. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted. Grain oblong, dorsally compressed; embryo about half the length of the grain.

Generally perennial, caespitose, aromatic; blades flat or folded; ligules membranous, very short; racemes erect, joints strongly compressed, usually villous, tips oblique, not appendaged.

E. argenteus, Nees.

Eloffs Plantation, Pretoria, MacDonald in Nat. Herb. 118; Derby Station, Marico, Burtt-Davy 7168; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 410; Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Lansdell in Nat. Herb. 65; Henley-on-Klip, Stent, Nat. Herb. H. 21138; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 14569; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 952; Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12953; Malans Farm, Hartebeestnek, Burtt-Davy 758.

Widely spread throughout South Africa as well as in the tropics. A xerophytic grass of little value, usually characteristic of sour veld, known locally as "Wildebeeste gras,"

and "Zuur pol." Occasionally useful for winter grazing.

X. SORGHUM, Pers. (134A).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair differing in shape and sex, one sessile, the other pedicelled or represented by a pedicel only, on the articulate fragile or (in cultivated forms) tough rhachis of panicled few- (sometimes 1- or, the other extreme, 6-8-) jointed racemes, the sessile spikelet falling with the contiguous joint and the accompanying pedicelled spikelet or at least its pedicel. Florets 2, lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \u2205 in the sessile, of or neuter in the pedicelled spikelets, if present at all. Sessile spikelets dorsally compressed. Glumes equal, coriaceous, at least when mature, rarely permanently chartaceous, muticous, lower with a broad flattened or convex back with the margins narrowly inflexed near the tips and otherwise involute, upper boat-shaped, keeled upwards with narrow hyaline, usually upwards ciliolate margins. Valves hyaline, ciliate, of lower floret 2-nerved or nerveless, of upper oblong to ovate, 2-dentate or 2-lobed, with the lobes free or more or less adnate to a perfect or variously reduced awn or a mucro rising from the sinus, rarely entire and mucronate or muticous, 1- or 3-nerved. Lodicules 2, ciliate or glabrous. Valvule hyaline, often minute or 0. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted; styles terminal or sub-terminal. Grain in the spontaneous species mostly obovoid, dorsally compressed, in cultivated forms frequently enlarged, globose or sub-globose; embryo as long as or slightly longer than half the grain. Pedicelled spikelets, if present, much narrower than the sessile, lanceolate to subulate, of or neuter, sometimes reduced to the glumes or one glume only, or quite suppressed. Glumes permanently herbaceous, like the hyaline 2-1-nerved ciliate; valves awnless.

Annual or perennial, often robust, grasses. Leaf-blades convolute in bud, usually flat, herbaceous, often large. Panicles erect or nodding, with verticillate or scattered branches, often large, in the spontaneous species mostly loose, in the cultivated forms frequently variously contracted to compact.

S. halepense, Nees. (Flor. Afr. Austr., 88=Andropogon halepensis, var. effusus, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 346).

Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1128; Mountain View, Pretoria, Wagstaff in Nat. Herb. H. 162; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Native Aaron, Nat. Herb, H. 109; Johannesburg, Nat. Herb. H. 108; Groot Marico, Burtt-Davy 121;

Barberton, Burtt-Davy 248.

This is the stoloniferous Sorghum known in America as Johnson grass. Stapf has followed Piper in doubting the existence of this grass as indigenous to tropical Africa and has omitted it from his Flora of that region. It certainly occurs spontaneously in subtrop cal parts of the Transvaal, mostly along streams. It is possible that in some localities from which it has been recorded as a troublesome weed, the seed has been introduced as an impurity probably with Sudan grass seed, but in other localities there appears little doubt that it occurs naturally indigenous to the soil. As in the case of most of the other species of Sorghum, it contains a certain amount of prussic acid.

S. versicolor, J. N. Anders (ex Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 138).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 419; Wonderboompoort, Pretoria, Mogg in Nat. Herb. 182; Potgietersrust, Waterberg, H. M. Dewar in Nat. Herb. H. 20947; Onderstepoort, Pretoria, Native Aaron in Nat. Herb. H. 183; Pyramids, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4480.

Plentiful in the Rustenburg and Waterberg districts, sometimes behaving as an annual or at least flowering the first year. "Only found on black turf; much liked by stock and

cut for fodder by some farmers."—Galpin.

S. ethiopicum, Rupr. (ex Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 119). Zeerust, in Nat. Herb. H. 21416.

S. micratherum, Stapf (l.c. 142).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg District, Galpin M. 413; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4402.

XI. CHRYSOPOGON, Trin. (134B).

Spikelets in threes at the ends of the branchlets of terminal panicles, one sessile, the other 2 pedicelled, the trio falling entire from the thickened, nearly always bearded, oblique tips of the peduncles; exceptionally 2-nate in 2-jointed racemes, one sessile, the other pedicelled, each sessile spikelet falling with the contiguous joint and its pedicelled companion, pedicels (and joints, where any) linear-filiform, never longitudinally grooved not appendaged. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \(\geq\) in the sessile, \(\geq\) or neuter in the pedicelled spikelet. Sessile spikelets usually laterally compressed, awned. Glumes subequal; lower coriaceous or chartaceous, involute with a rounded back or complicate and more or less keeled upwards, upper boat-shaped, more or less keeled. Valves hyaline, of lower floret 2-nerved, of upper linear, entire or 2-dentate with a usually perfect awn from the sinus. Valvule 0 or small, hyaline, nerveless. Lodicules 2, small, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmas exserted laterally low down. Grain linear, laterally compressed; embryo half the length of the grain; scutellum linear-oblong. Pedicelled spikelet dorsally compressed, awnless or aristulate.

Mostly perennial (all the Old World species). Leaf-blades narrow. Panicles usually lax, of whorls of simple or basally divided filliform branches, rarely the branches 2-nate

or solitary.

C. montanus, Trin., var. tremulus, Stapf (=Andropogon monticola, var. trinii, Stapf Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 349).
Warmbaths, Waterberg District, Burtt-Davy 2338.

XII. AMPHILOPHIS, Nash (134c).

Spikelets 2-nate, one sessile, the other pedicelled, similar in shape or the pedicelled reduced and smaller, the latter always different in sex, except sometimes the lowermost pair, which may be homogamous (5 or neuter), on the fragile rhachis of many-jointed shortly peduncled subdigitate or panicled racemes; joints and pedicels filiform, longitudinally grooved and hyaline in the groove, disarticulating horizontally sessile and pedicelled (always?) spikelets deciduous, the former with the adjacent joint and pedicel. Florets 2 in the sessile spikelets; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \$, 2 or 1 in the pedicelled spikelet, the lower 3 or neuter, the upper neuter or usually quite suppressed. Sessile spikelet dorsally compressed, awned; callus small, shortly bearded. Glumes equal, thinly chartaceous to membranous; lower 2-keeled, with narrow sharply inflexed margins; upper boat-shaped, 3-nerved, acutely keeled. Valve of lower floret hyaline, nerveless, of upper floret reduced to a hyaline linear stipe, firmer upwards, passing into a slender awn. Valvules 0 or very minute. Lodicules 2, minute, glabrous, Stamens 3. Stigmas exserted laterally, usually low down, longer than the styles. Grain oblong, obtuse, dorsally slightly compressed; embryo about half the length of the grain. Pedicelled spikelet awnless, valves (if present) hyaline, nerveless.

Percenial grasses with slender simple or branched culms, bearded or beardless at the nodes. Panicles mostly subdigitate with a short primary axis, rarely the racemes on branches of the second order; racemes always shortly peduncled. Spikelets small.

A. glabra, Stapf (Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 172=Andropogon intermedius, var. punctatus, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 345).

Hartebeestpoort Dam, Pretoria, Pole Evans 701; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 437; Godwan River, Pole Evans 696; Rooikop, Bushveld, Pole Evans 263; Pienaars River, Pole Evans 166; Wonderfontein, Marico, Burtt-Davy 7220; Bushveld, Pretoria, Reck in Nat. Herb. 99; Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2294; Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. 101.

Stapf describes the pedicelled spikelet of this species as being "not pitted," but in nearly all these specimens the pit on the lower glume of the pedicelled spikelet is distinct. Burtt-Davy 7220 exhibits a panicle with all of the spikelets, except a few towards the top

of the inflorescence, unpitted; Reck's specimen from Pretoria has some of the pedicelled spikelets unpitted, while others have one or occasionally two pits. Galpin's specimen presents a very robust form with leaves hairy beneath and up to 15 mm. broad and panicle 17 cm. long.

A. insculpta, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 175=Andropogon pertusus, var. capensis,

Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 345).

Barberton, Burtt-Davy 237; Onderstepoort, Pretoria, Native Aaron in Nat. Herb. 93; Sterkstroom, Burtt-Davy 132; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1446; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8880; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 411; Rooikop, Bushveld, Pretoria, Pole Evans 545.

XIII. DICHANTHIUM, Willemet (134D).

Spikelets 2-nate, one sessile, the other pedicelled, similar in shape, different in sex, except the lowermost 1 or 2 pairs of each raceme which are (with occasional exceptions in D. annulatum) homogamous (3 or neuter), in many-jointed shortly peduncled subdigitate, rarely subpanicled or racemosely arranged, racemes; joints and pedicels filiform, solid, disarticulating subhorizontally, except the lowest barren pairs; fertile sessile and pedicelled spikelets deciduous, the former with the adjacent joint and pedicel. Florets 2 in the fertile sessile spikelets (lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \(\)), 1 in the barren sessile and all the pedicelled spikelets, or neuter, or suppressed. Sessile spikelet dorsally compressed, awned (except the basal homogamous ones); callus small shortly bearded. Glumes equal, thinly chartaceous; lower usually very obtuse, 2-keekd, with narrow sharply inflexed margins; upper boat-shaped, 3-nerved, acutely keeled. Valve of lower floret hyaline, nerveless, of upper floret reduced to a hyaline upwards firmer linear stipe, passing into a slender awn (very rarely finely 2-toothed with the awn from the sinus in a doubtful or aberrant Indian species). Valvule 0 or minute. Lodicules 2, minute, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmas exserted laterally at or above the middle or near the tips. Grain oblong, obtuse, dorsally compressed; embryo rather more than half the length of the grain. Pedicelled spikelet awnless; valve, if present, hyaline, nerveless.

Perennial, very rarely annual, grasses with simple or branched usually many-noded culms, bearded or beardless at the nodes. Panicles usually subdigitate with a short or very short primary axis, rarely the latter elongated; racemes always shortly peduncled.

Spikelets small, rarely the male somewhat larger.

 D. ennulatum, Stapf (Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 178=Andropogon annulatus Forsk., Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 350).
 Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 411A.

D. pappilosum, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 179).

Near Selous River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 153; Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3552; Komatipoort, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 369; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Native Aaron in Nat. Herb. 102.

XIV. SCHIZACHYRIUM, Nees. (134E).

Spikelets 2-nate, of each pair differing in sex and mostly also more or less in shape and size, one sessile, the other pedicelled, on the articulate fragile rhachis of many-jointed solitary racemes terminating the culms and their branches, supported by spathes and frequently collected into a false panicle, the sessile spikelets falling with the contiguous joint, and the accompanying pedicelled spikelet; joints and pedicels thickened upwards, often rather stout, with a scarious cupuliform and more or less dentate terminal appendage. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \(\geq\) in the sessile, \(\frac{1}{2}\), neuter or 0 in the pedicelled spikelets or both suppressed in these. Sessile spikelets dorsally compressed or sometimes in their lower half almost terete, awned; callus short, with a short beard at the very base. Glumes equal or subequal, lower chartaceous (often thinly) to subcoriaceous, more or less convex (to sub-semiterete) or flat on the back with, at least from

the middle upwards, sharply inflexed and mostly narrow margins, 2-keeled, the keesl running out into teeth or mucros; upper thinner to membranous, narrowly boat-shaped to dorsally flattened, keeled (at least upwards), 1-3-nerved, the delicate margins ciliolate. Valves ciliolate, hyaline, of lower floret membranous downwards and often purplish 2-nerved, of upper usually 2-fid, sometimes very deeply, or 2-dentate, rarely entire, awned, awn from the sinus or continuing the entire valve. Valvule 0 or a microscopic hyaline scale. Lodicules 2, minute, glabrous. Stamens 3, rarely 2. Stigmas laterally exserted low down; styles terminal. Grain narrowly linear in outline or tapering upwards, subterete; embryo short. Pedicelled spikelet similar to the sessile, but usually relatively broader and flatter or more or less reduced and then sometimes quite small. Glumes more or less membranous, the lower aristulate or muticous. Valves (if present) hyaline, ciliate, muticous.

Annual or perennial grasses, rarely suffrutescent, never very tall. Culms slender. Leaf-blades folded in bud, usually narrow. False panicles varying from very loose and scanty to densely fascicled with the spathes mostly very narrow scarious, membranous

or lower down herbaceous.

S. semiberbe, Nees. (ex Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 195 = Andropogon hirtiflorus,

var. semiberbis, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 337).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 414; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21114; Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 110; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1447; Crocodile River, Burtt-Davy 210; Johannesburg, on hill-slopes, Bryant C 38; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1121; Warmbaths, Baylis in Nat. Herb. H. 125.

"There is no doubt that this grass would be quite suitable for the manufacture of paper-pulp on a commercial scale."—Imp. Inst. Rep. 8/5/18.

XV. ANDROPOGON, Linn. (134).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair differing in sex and mostly also more or less in shape and size, or those of the lowest pair of the lowest raceme homogamous (3 or imperfect), one sessile, the other pedicelled on the articulate fragile rhachis of manyjointed paired (very rarely solitary) or corymbose (digitate or subdigitate) racemes terminating the culms, and, if these be branched, also their branches, or at least, the upper; raceme-pairs or corymbs supported by a spathe or spatheole and frequently collected into a false panicle; the sessile spikelets falling with the contiguous joint and the accompanying pedicel; joints and pedicels filiform or thickened upwards (rarely stout in members of Piestium) and then the tips frequently more or less cupular or auricled. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \(\) in the sessile spikelets of the heterogamous pairs, 3, neuter or suppressed in those of the homogamous pairs and in the pedicelled spikelets. Sessile spikelets dorsally or laterally compressed, nearly always awned; callus short, mostly quite obtuse, shortly bearded. Glumes equal or subequal, subcoriaceous to membranous, the lower flat or concave or channelled on the back, with, at least from the middle upwards, sharply inflexed margins, 2-keeled, the upper more or less boat-shaped, keeled upwards 3-1-nerved, sometimes aristulate. Valves ciliate or ciliolate, rarely glabrous, of lower floret hyaline, 2-nerved, of upper 2-fil or 2-dentate, hyaline or firmer and sometimes substipitiform below the insertion of the awn. Valvule a hyaline nerveless scale, or 0. Lodicules 2, minute, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmes laterally exserted; styles terminal. Grain narrowly lanceolate to oblong in outline, subterete to plano-convex; embryo about half the length of the grain. Pedicelled spikelets often very diff rent from the sessile in shape and less so in size, always more or less compressed dorsally, never concave or channelled on the back, sometimes reduced and then often small or quite suppressed. Glumes herbaceouschartaceous to membranous, the lower muticous or very rarely aristulate. Valves, if present, hyaline, ciliate, muticous.

Mostly perennial grasses of varying habit.

A. eucomis, Nees.

Malmanie Oog, Lichtenburg, Burtt-Davy 80; Vereeniging, Brandmuller 44; Panplaats, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13260; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1023.

A. appendiculatus. Nees.

Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1697; Experiment Farm, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 3914; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herl. 148; Volksrust, Wakkersstroom, in Nat. Herb. 150; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21129; Heilbron, Vereeniging, Brandmuller 3; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. 141; Beginsel, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 926; Johannesburg, Burtt-Davy 832.

"A useful hay-grass valued for feeding."—J. Burtt-Davy. Strongly stoloniferous.

A. schirensis, Hochst., var. augustifolia, Stapf.

Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21140; Aapies River, Pretoria, H. Bolus 10851; Downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4092; Billey's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9264; Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13295.

A. Schinzii, Hack.

Kosters River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 151; Pillansberg, Rustenburg, Pole Evans 633; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8885.

A. amplectens, Nees.

Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21139; Vereeniging, Brandmuller 42; Groenkloof, Pretoria, Phillips H. 21684; open veld, Downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4096; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 8; Experiment Farm, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 7720; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 13667; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 2700.

"Not liked by stock, grows in tufts on well-drained sandy soil devoid of humus."-Brandmuller.

A. filifolius, Steud.

Mariesstad, Pott 5196; Belfast, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 1336; near Bossis, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 2959; Lake Chrissie, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. 89; Spionkop, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9239.

A. huillensis, Rendl.

Panplaats, Pan Station, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13264; Johannesburg, Hutton 254; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8884.

XVI. CYMBOPOGON, Spreng. (134r).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair differing in sex and more or less in shape—except those of the lowest pair of the lower or of both racemes, which are homogamous (3 or neuter)-one sessile, the other pedicelled on the articulate fragile rhachis of many-jointed paired racemes, terminating the culms and their branches; raceme-pairs supported by a spatheole, collected into often decompound or supra-decompound spatheate panicles; the fertile spikelets falling with the contiguous joint and the accompanying pedicel; joints and pedicels filiform or linear with frequently more or less cupular or auricled tips, those of the lowest pair (raceme-base) often conspicuously swollen, oblong or barrel-shaped, and hard. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper & in the sessile spikelets of the heterogamous pairs, &, rarely neuter, in those of the homogamous pairs and in the pedicelled spikelets. Fertile spikelets dorsally, rarely laterally, compressed, awned (normally); callus very short, obtuse, shortly bearded. Glumes equal or subequal, more or less chartaceous, the lower almost flat or slight y depressed or narrowly grooved on the back with at least from the middle upwards sharply inflexed margins, 2-kceled, the upper more or less boat-shaped, keeled upwards, usually 1-nerved. Valves ciliate or ciliolate (sometimes obscurely), of the lower floret entire, hyaline, 2-nerved, of the upper 2-fid or 2-lobed.

hyaline, rarely firmer and almost stipe-like below the insertion of the awn; column of awn, if any, smooth. Valvule 0. Lodicules 2, minute, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted; styles terminal. Grain oblong in outline, subterete to plano-convex in cross-section; embryo about half the length of the grain. Pedicelled spikelets usually slightly different in shape and size from the sessile, but never depressed or grooved on the back. Glumes muticous, the lower chartaceous to subchartaceous, the upper thinner. Of the valves, only that of the lower floret present hyaline, 2-nerved; upper floret usually represented by a naked of flower, rarely suppressed.

Perennial, densely tufted and usually aromatic grasses, with often very coarse leaves,

and frequently much compound and contracted spatheate panicles.

C. marginatus, Stapf. (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 280 = Andropogon nardus, var.

marginatus, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 351).

Groenkloof, Pretoria, Phillips; Beginsel, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 1807; Houtbosch, Pietersburg District, Bolus 10932; Crocodile River, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 9281; Wonderboom, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 8912; Pilgrims Rest, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 439.

C. validus, Stapf. (=Andropogon nardus, var. validus, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 352). Hamanskraal, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1085.

One of the tambookie grasses.

C. plurinodes, Stapf. (=Andropogon pluri nodis, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 353).
Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 3897, 5462, 966; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb.
21110; Koster River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 170, 137; Vierfontein, Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1631; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9173; near Smitskraal, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 10099; Doornkloof, Irene, near Pretoria, Pole Evans 384.

C. excavatus, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 285 = Andropogon Schoenanthus, var.

versicolor, Hack, ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 354).

Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21142; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 417; Heilbron, Vereeniging, Brandmuller 27; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 25; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Native Aaron in Nat. Herb. H. 213; Downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4084; Welverdiend Station, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 14583; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 470; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1438; Crocodile River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 9288; Irene, near Pretoria, Pole Evans in Nat. Herb. 216, 353, 204.

One of the turpentine grasses containing an essential oil that gives the grass a hot,

bitter taste. It is seldom eaten by stock.

XVII. HYPARRHENIA, Anderss. (1346).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair differing in sex and more or less in shape, or those of the lowest pair or pairs homogamous (3 or neuter), one sessile, the other pedicelled, on the articulate fragile rhachis of few- to many-jointed paired racemes, terminating the culms and their branches; raceme-pairs supported by a spathcole, collected into scanty or compound to decompound spatheate panicles; the fertile spikelets falling with the contiguous joint and the accompanying pedicel; joints and pedicel finely filiform with more or less obliquely truncate sometimes obscurely auricled tips, in racemes with homogamous spikelets, the joint or joints below the lowest fertile spikelet entering into the formation of the raceme-base, shorter to very short, eciliate and tardily disarticulating. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \(\forall \) in the sessile spikelets of the heterogamous pairs, \(\forall \) or neuter (rarely quite suppressed) in those of the homogamous pairs and in the pedicelled spikelets. Fertile spikelets more or less flattened dorsally, but with rounded sides, awned, very rarely awnless; callus short and obtuse or more often acute to pungent, shortly bearded. Glumes equal, more or less chartaceous, mostly thin, the lower narrowly truncate or 2-dentate, sometimes with a very shallow

longitudinal depression, with very narrow involute margins up to two-thirds or more, then equally narrowly inflexed from the very fine short or obscure keels, the upper narrowly and shallowly boat-shaped, rounded on the back below, finely keeled towards the tips only, 3-nerved. Valves ciliate or ciliolate or that of the upper floret glabrous, of lower floret hyaline, 2-nerved (often very faintly), rarely quite nerveless, of upper stipitiform with a very fine delicate base, above it gradually hardened with narrow hyaline margins, which usually run out into minute teeth, passing between the teeth into the mostly distinctly kneed more or less hirtellous or subplumose awn. Valvule 0, rarely a small hyaline scale. Lodicules 2, minute, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted; styles terminal. Grain oblong in outline, subterete to plano-convex in cross-section; embryo about half the length of the grain. Pedicelled spikelets acute, often mucronate or aristulate from the lower glume, usually somewhat longer than the fertile and more distinctly 2-keeled (often from below the middle). Valves of both florets developed, even in neuter spikelets, rarely the upper or both suppressed.

Perennial or annual, mostly coarse, grasses, with often large loose, rarely much

contracted, panicles, never aromatic.

H. hirta, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 315 = Andropogon hirtus, Linn.; Stapf in

Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 355).

Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21127; Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 5161; Burtt-Davy 3395, 3802; Heilbron, Brandmuller 26; near Wolhuters, Sterkstroom, Burtt-Davy 133; Malmanie Oog, Burtt-Davy 77, 70; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg District, Burtt-Davy 12668; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4383; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21127; Kaalfontein, near Pretoria, Pole Evans in Nat. Herb. H. 17561; Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 33 Pole Evans 226, 354, 403.

"Useful as a thatch grass when no better grass is at hand."—Brandmuller.

H. auctus, Stapf (= Andropogon auctus, Stapf, in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 357).
The Willows, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1694; Johannesburg, Bryant C. 40; Vlakfontein, near Onderstepoort, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4029; Sterkstroom, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 138.

H. rufa, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 304 = Andropogon rufus, Kunth., ex Stap

in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 358).

Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Rogers 12510; Barberton, Burtt-Davy 278, 246; Zoutpansberg, Wordsdeel in Nat. Herb. H. 5918; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 469.

H. dregeana, Stapf (=Andropogon dregeanus, Nees, ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 359).

Stream at Houtenbek, near Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 517; Sterk Hill, Lyden-

burg, Burtt-Davy 469.

"This grass yielded pulp of good quality; an excellent brown paper could be made from it by treatment with small amounts of caustic soda, while the pulp obtained with larger proportions of caustic soda could be readily bleached and used for the manufacture of white paper of good quality."—Imp. Inst. Rep., 8/5/18.

H. dichroa, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 302 = Andropogon dichroos, Steud., ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 360).

Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Burtt-Davy 2631.

"Used as a thatching grass in the Orange Free State."—Hilder.

H. Buchanani, Stapf (=Andropogon Buchanani, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 362).
Premier Mine, Pretoria, Menzies 8; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Native Aaron in Nat. Herb. H. 7906; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 469; Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 36.

"Its stems are slender, $4-5\frac{1}{2}$ ft. long with pith in the internodes and somewhat refractory nodes 10-15 in. apart; the ultimate fibres are mostly 1.5-2.5 mm. in length,



Plate III. Hyparrhenia glauca, Stent.

A, Lower glume of pedicelled spikelet; B, Upper glume of pedicelled spikelet; C, Sessile spikelet (showing lower glume); D, Upper glume of sessile spikelet; E, Lower valve of sessile spikelet; F, Upper valve of sessile spikelet; G, Pistil and stamens of sessile spikelet; H, Ligule.

and somewhat drastic treatment is required to bleach the pulp to a pale cream colour. but the paper produced is opaque, of good strength and quality, and does not shrink appreciably in the drying. It gives a good, long fibre pulp suitable for strong brown paper, or, after bleaching, for fairly good cream-coloured or white paper, and is regarded as of about the same value as Algerian esparte."—Imp. Inst. Bull. XIX, 2, 1921.

H. cymbaria, Stapf (Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 332 = Andropogon cymbarius, Linn., ex

Stapf, Flor. Cap., VII, 360).

New Agatha, Zoutpansberg, McCallum in Nat. Herb. 189; Irene, near Pretoria Hutchins in Nat. Herb. H. 193; Malta, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4431; Zeerust, Burtt-Davy 119; White Umbelusi, Burtt-Davy 10609; Magoobaskloof, Houtbosch. berg, Burtt-Davy 2604; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8887.

H. tamba, Anderss. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 336).

Waterval Onder, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 393; Waterval Boven, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 1419, 392.

H. variabilis. Stapf (Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 334). Godwan River, Carolina, Pole Evans 692.

H. filipendula, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 322 = Andropogon filipendulus,

Hochst., ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 362).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 415; Wolverkraal, Kameel River, Pole Evans 610; Godwan River, Pole Evans 693; Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod 2213, 96.

H. Ruprechtii, Fourn. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 326 = Andropogon Ruprechti,

Hack., ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor Cap., VII, 365).

Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy 1153; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 418; between Nelspruit and White River, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 1513; Komatipoort, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 382; Barberton, Burtt-Davy 288; Spring-

bok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1120.

"Zulu name 'un Tshaba. It forms dense clumps reaching 10 ft. in height with hard nodes 11-14 in. apart. It gives a good yield of pulp, but the ultimate fibres are somewhat short, mostly ranging from ·8 to 2 mm. in length. There is a considerable native demand for most of these tambookie grasses for thatch."—Imp. Inst. Bull., Vol. XIX, 2, 1921.

H. glauca, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne, ad 240 cm. altum, innovationibus intravaginalibus; culmi valedissimi, erecti, 4-8 mm. diam. tereti, glabri, saepe rubescentes, plus minus pruinosi, 7-9

nodis, supra nodis tumidi, simplices vel ramosi.

Vaginae foliorum firmae, teretes vel apicem versus tenuiter, carinatae, glabrae. Ligulae scariosae, rotundatae, ad 4 mm. longae, flavae vel rufae, glabrae. Laminae lineares, apicem setiformam paullatum, attenuatae, ad 80 cm. longae, 12 mm. latae, glabrae, glaucae, subtus laevae, supra marginibusque scabrae; costa parvis valida, ad basim 2-4-mm. lata, supra albida, subtus prominenta, nervis utrinque lateralibus 4-5. Panicula lorga, laxa, gracilis, 5-8 nodis; internodis infimis ad 29 cm. longis, sequentabus breviorebus, folia subtendenta perfecta, sed apicem versus minora. Rami primarii fasciculati, plerumque 3-4 nati, inferiores 30-60 cm. longi ab basim 10-30 cm. indivisi, plerumque 3-4-nodi; ramuli filiformi, 1-4 pedunculis spatheates simplices ferenti. Spatheolae angustae, 4-6 cm. longae, setaceo-acuminatae, apicem versus rubescentes, cetera glauco-virides, deinde omnino rubescentes, glabrae, vel pilis longis dispersis, minute scaberulae. Pedunculi communes filiforme, ad 45 mm. plerumque circa 15 mm. longi, in spatheolis inclusi, apicem versus longe albido-hirsutae. Racemorum basi breviores, dense pubescentes, et pilis albidis longis etuberculis ortis barbata, spicula infimae basi in appendici scarioso denticulato 1 mm. longo producti. Racemi spatheola a latere exserti, plus-minus (aliquar do late) divaricati, tandem reflecti et plus minus contigui, circa 15 mm. longi, aristis 8 quoque racemorum pare; articuli pedicellique gracilis, ciliati, spiculae duae racemis infimis basi mucronatae, 12 mm. longae. Spicula pedicellata 3 12 mm. longa; gluma inferior angusta, virida, carinis scabridis, minute bidentata, mucrona ad 2 mm. longa, 11–13 nervis, prominentibus sparse appresseque pilis longis hirsuta; gluma superior gracile membranacea, 3–5 nerva, lineare lanceolata, acute acuminata, pilis longis appressis; valva hyalina, glumis paulo brevior, ciliata 1–nerva; lodiculae carnosae, cuneatae; ·5 mm. longae; antherae ad 4 mm. longae. Spicula sessila \$\frac{1}{2}\$, pallido-virida, 5 mm. longa, callum brevior obtusem sparse barbatum annumerans; gluma inferior minute truncata, hirsuta, dorso plano, in parte superior carinis duobus, 7-nervis; gluma superior tenuiter chartacea, marginibus hyalinis 3-nervis, carina lata rotundata; valva inferior paulo glumis brevior, angusta, hyalina, enerva, apice abtuse; valva superior glumis multa brevior, hyalina, biloba, lobis angustis, obtusis; arista gracila, circa 10 mm. longa; caryopsis oblonga; styli distincti.

Groenkloof Valley, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21425.

The upper valve of the hermaphrodite floret often appears to be stipitiform, the delicate hyaline margins and lobes being closely rolled round the base of the awn.

A remarkably glaucous species; the light blueish-grey colour of the foliage renders it

most conspicuous from a distance.

XVIII. MONOCYMBIUM, Stapf (134H).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of each pair differing in sex and structure otherwise alike in shape, one sessile, the other pedicelled on the articulate fragile rhachis of many-jointed solitary racemes, terminating the culms and their branches; each raceme supported by a spatheole and forming with it a monostachyum; monostachya collected into loose spatheate panicles; the fertile spikelets falling with the adjacent joint and the accompanying pedicel; joints and pedicels finely filiform with truncate tips. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \(\xi\) in the sessile spikelets, \(\xi\) in the pedicelled. Sessile spikelets dorsally flattened with rounded sides, awned; callus short and obtuse, indistinctly marked off from the lower glume, obscurely bearded. Glumes sub-equal, thinly cartilaginous, the lower obtuse, with narrow involute margins, not or very obscurely keeled near the tips. the upper boat-shaped, rounded on the back, laterally compressed and keeled in the upper third, usually aristulate, 3-nerved. Valve of the lower floret hyaline, ciliate, of the upper eciliate, deeply 2-fid, with a hyaline base, margins and lobes, otherwise cartilaginous, eciliate, delicately awned from between the lobes. Valvule 0. Lodicules 2, minute, cuneiform, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted; styles terminal. Grain oblong, dorsally slightly compressed; embryo about half the length of the grain. Pedicelled spikelets in outline and size, very similar to the sessile, but muticous. Valves of both florets developed, hyaline, or the upper more frequently suppressed.

A perennial grass, with the coloured cymbiform spatheoles of a Hyparrhenia of the

Cymbaria group, but easily recognized by its solitary racemes.

M. cerisiiforme, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 386 = Andropogon cerisiiformis,

Nees., in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 337).

Groenkloof, Pretoria, Phillips H. 21 85; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 416; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 6; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 457; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5501; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. 131; Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 7769; Panplaats, Pan Station, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13263; Cypress Point, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4085; Naboomfontein, Schlechter 4300; Belfast, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 1335; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21113; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8888.

XIX. HETEROPOGON, Pers. (1241).

Spikelets 2-nate, those of the lower (1 to many) pairs alike in sex and shape, 3 or neuter, of the upper pairs differing in sex and strikingly so in shape, one of each pair sessile, the other pedicelled on the many-jointed rhachis of solitary racemes, terminating the culms and their upper branches; rhachis tough or upwards tardily disarticulating and glabrous between the homogamous pairs, readily disarticulating above them; homogamous pairs

ong-persistent, the spikelets of the heterogamous pairs falling separately, the pedicelled with the pedicel, the sessile with the adjacent joint and the adjacent pedicel or its base. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper ♀ or ĕ in the sessile spikelets of the heterogamous pairs, of or neuter in all the other spikelets. Fertile spikelet terete or subterete, awned; callus long, pungent, densely bearded upwards. Glumes equal; the lower coriaceous, rarely chartaceous, more or less tightly involute, quite keelless, nerves obscure, often connected by a few transverse nerves in the upper part; the upper with a deep longitudinal groove on each side, coriaceous, rarely chartaceous, between them, thinner towards the margins, membranous at the tips, 3-nerved. Valve of lower floret hyaline, nerveless, of upper floret stipitiform from a hyaline very slender base, cartilaginous upwards and passing into a usually stout geniculate awn. Valvule small or 0. Lodicules large or more or less reduced, to very minute. Stamens 3, often rudimentary, or 0. Stigmas exserted terminally or laterally. Grain more or less linear in outline, subterete, slightly dorsally compressed; embryo somewhat exceeding the middle of the grain. Male (or neuter) spikelets dorsally flattened, usually slightly asymmetric, and often somewhat twisted, muticous, imbricate. Lower glume herbaceous, many-nerved, winged upwards from one or both keels; upper membranous, lanceolate-oblong, acute, 3-nerved. Valves hyaline, 1-nerved, well developed or more or less reduced. Stamens 3 or 0.

Perennial or annual grasses, with simple or more often upwards branched culms; branches few to many, mostly flowering and gathered into a spatheate paniele; racemes conspicuously dorsiventral, the bases of the 3 (or neuter) spikelets subimbricate on the back of the raceme, their upper parts bending forward around the sides, forming a hollow in which the fertile spikelets are enclosed, with their awns exserted anticously and often

intertwisted.

H. contortus, Roem. & Schult. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 410 = Andropogon

contortus, L. in Flor. Cap., VII, 350).

Kimberley, Wilman; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, in loam formation, Galpin M. 412; Koster River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 151; Leeuwpoort No. 195, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7332; Spitzkop, Ermelo, Pott 5210; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2225; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2104; Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1665; Welverdiend Station, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 14578; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9183; Experiment Farm, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 915.

"Spear grass"—"Steek gras." A useful fodder grass when young, but the sharp-bearded calli of the mature spikelet render the grass, when in seed, very troublesome and often dangerous to stock, the "seeds" often pierce right into the flesh of small stock, causing great irritation and even in some cases death; in cattle, these "seeds" have been known not only to injure the beasts, but to materially damage the hide for commercial purposes.

XX. CLEISTACHNE, Benth. (134).

Spikelets solitary, all alike, \(\), pedicelled on the tough rhachis of racemosely arranged or panicled racemes, falling entire from the thickened tips of the pedicels. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper \(\). Glumes equal, very similar, with involute margins, more or less coriaceous, delicately 7-9-nerved, muticous. Valves hyaline, lower 2-nerved, upper 2-dentate or subentire, 3-nerved, with a twisted flexuous awn from the sinus or tip. Valvule very minute, ciliate. Lodicules 2, broad-cuneate, sparingly ciliate. Stamens 3. Stigmas laterally exserted, plumose. Grain oblong to obovoid-oblong, very obtuse to truncate; embryo half the length of the grain.

Annual, rather coarse grasses. Leaf-blades long, flat, with stout midribs. Panicles

narrow, more or less contracted, greyish or fulvously hairy.

C. sorghoides, Benth. (Stapf in Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 154).
 Godwan River, Carolina, Pole Evans 694.
 A tropical grass and a new record for the Transvaal.

XXI. THEMEDA, Forsk. (136).

Spikelets 2-nate (the terminal 3-nate), those of the lower two pairs alike in shape and sex, or neuter, sessile to subsessile and closely approximate so as to form an involucre, of the following pair or pairs differing in sex and conspicuously so in shape, one of each pair sessile, the other pedicelled, on the rhachis of solitary racemes, terminating the culms and their upper branches; rhachis terete, tough or tardily disarticulating and glabrous between the homogamous pairs, readily disarticulating below the fertile spikelets; Lcmogamous pairs or at least their sessile members persistent, the spikelets of the heterogemous pairs falling separately, the pedicelled with the pedicel, the sessile with the adjacent joint (if more than 1) and the base or bases of the adjacent pedicels. Florets 2; lower reduced to an empty valve, upper of or neuter in the homogamous spikelets and the pedicelled members of the heterogamous pairs, & in the sessile members of the latter. Fertile spikelets terete, awned or awnless; callus usually acute to pungent, densely bearded, beard more or less concealing the adjacent joint or pedicel-bases. Glumes equal, coriaceous, except at the submembranous tips; lower tightly involute, quite keelless, nerves very fine, obscure except in transmitted light, the upper with a deep longitudinal groove on each side, very firm between them, thin long, the margins 3-nerved. Valve of lower floret hyaline, nerveless, of upper floret stipitiform from a hyaline 1-nerved base, cartilaginous upwards and passing into a stout geniculate awn or hyaline and 1-nerved throughout, with the nerve becoming stouter upwards and passing into a more or less reduced awn or quite awnless. Valvule hyaline, nerveless, small or 0. Lodicules 2, somewhat large, glabrous. Stamens 3. Stigmas exserted subterminally or from near the middle of the floret. Grain linearobovate, subterete, grooved on the face; embryo about half as long as the grain. Involucral spikelets dorsally much compressed, awnless. Lower glume more or less herbaceous, 2-keeled; upper membranous, very rarely suppressed. Both florets present or one or both suppressed, their valves hyaline, the upper with or without a valvule. Pedicelled spikelets of the heterogamous pairs similar to those of the homogamous pairs, but narrower.

Annual or perennial; usually coarse grasses, with scanty or compound to decompound spatheate panicles, and scattered or more or less crowded and often glomerate short 1- or 2- (very rarely 3-) awned or awnless monostachya.

T. triandra, Forsk. (Stapf in Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 3, 416 = Anthistiria imberbis, Retz., ex Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 366).

Var. Burchelli, Stapf.

Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1642.

Var. hispida, Stapf.

Near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2025A; Arcadia, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 12324; Ermelo, Miss Tennant in Nat. Herb. 259; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7425; Crocodile River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 224; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Errtt-Davy 9174; Komatipoort, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 362; Potchefstroom Farm, Burtt-Davy 1052; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3809; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1119.

Var. glauca, Stapf.

Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Miss Landsdell in Nat. Herb. 253; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 420.

Var. punctata, Stapf.

Near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2012; Mariestad, Pott 5212; Belfast, Lydenberg, Burtt-Davy 1333; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 455.

This is the well-known rooi gras—an excellent pasture and hay grass if cut before it gets too ripe. It is one of the grasses examined at the Imperial Institute for paper-making and was found to yield about the same quality and quantity of pulp as the tambookie and dek grasses previously reported on, except that the nodes being harder would require more boiling to render then soft enough for the purpose.

XXII. ANTHEPHORA, Schreb. (140).

Spikelets lanceolate to ovate-oblong, sub-sessile in deciduous squarrose clusters. 4-6, on the very short branches of a cylindric apparently simple spike; lower floret reduced to an empty valve, upper $\mbox{\sc p}$ or $\mbox{\sc s}$, with or without the rudiments of an ovary. Glumes very dissimilar, lower always turned away from the centre of the cluster, coriaceous, oblong to lanceolate, distinctly nerved on the inner side, upper hyaline, setaceously subulate from a small ovate base. Valves more or less equal, usually shorter than the lower glume; lower oblong, hyaline, 5-7-nerved; upper similar, but firmer and 3-nerved. Pale equalling the valve and of similar substance, 2-nerved. Lodicules 0. Stamens 3; filaments fleshy at the base when young. Ovary lanceolate-oblong. Styles free or nearly so, very slender. Stigmas plumose, slender, exserted from or near the apex. Grain oblong-ellipsoid, enclosed in the spikelet; hilum punctiform; embryo large, equalling about half the length of the grain.

Perennial or annual; culms tufted and erect, or ascending from a prostrate base; ligules large scarious; spikelets in subspicate clusters with the irrespective lower glumes turned outwards so as to form a false involucre, usually with gaps between their bases.

A. pubescens, Nees.

Hamanskraal, Pretoria District, *Pole Evans* 392; Doornkloof, Irene, near Pretoria, *Pole Evans* 222.

Also known to occur plentifully near Naboomspruit in the Waterberg District and at Potchefstroom. A tufted grass with very glaucous leaves, useful pasture for stock, one of the earliest grasses in Bechuanaland.

XXIII. TRAGUS, Haller (143).

Spikelets sessile, in deciduous clusters of 2–4 on the filiform continuous axis of a cylindric spike-like panicle; rhachilla tough, not continued beyond the floret. Floret 1, \$\overline{\pi}\$, somewhat shorter than the upper glume. Glumes very dissimilar, lower facing the rhacis, minute, hyaline, or suppressed, upper 5-ribbed or 5-nerved, membranous between the hispid or spinehooked ribs or nerves, exceeding the valve. Valve lanceolate or lanceolate-oblong, membranous, 3-nerved. Pale as long as the valve, 2-nerved. Lodicules 2, broad, cuneate, fleshy. Stamens 3. Styles distinct, very slender. Stigmas narrow, plumose, terminally exserted. Grain enclosed by the valve and pale, oblong to ellipsoid, slightly compressed from the back; embryo about one-third the length of the grain; hilum punctiform, basal.

Annual or perennial; culms erect, ascending or decumbent; blades linear, rather rigid with cartilaginous spinulously ciliate margins; ligules reduced to a delicate ciliate rim; panicles cylindric, slender; all the spikelets of a cluster, fertile, or often one more or less reduced.

T. racemosus, All.

Kaffraria, Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14109; near Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1504; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 863; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2084; Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2244; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 409; Barberton, Burtt-Davy 241; Pretoria, Miss Tennant in Nat. Herb. H. 6313; Vereeniging, Brandmuller 30; Zeerust, Marico District, Burtt-Davy 115.

"Carrot seed grass"—a common weed of most warm countries.

T. Koelerioides, Aschers.

Vierfontein, Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1630; near Ramboespruit, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1521.

Creeping carrot seed grass—a short creeping grass, useful only as a crop for sheep.

XXIV. MOSDENIA, Stent (143A).

Spikelets sessile, solitary on the notches of a ribbed and scabrid common axis disarticulating from below the glumes and falling entire. Floret 1. Glumes subequal to equal, 3-4 mm. long, lower rather longer and broader than the upper, cymbiform, falcate rigidly membranous with a prominent scabrid keel; upper like the lower, but narrower and straighter. Valve about 3 mm. long, delicately hyaline, 1-nerved or sub 3-nerved. Pale nearly equalling the valve. Stamens 3. Ovary ovate. Styles short, distinct. Lodicules truncate, about as large as the ovary.

A prostrate ascending stoloniferous perennial, the stolons being covered with short, dry, densely imbricating scales. Leaf-sheaths tight, terete, the lower short. Ligule short,

membranous. Inflorescence of solitary spikes terminating the culms.

M. Waterbergensis, Stent (Bothalia I, 3, 170).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 447. A monotypic genus.

XXV. PEROTIS, Ait. (148).

Spikelets very small, narrow, sessile or sub-sessile on the continuous axis of a spike or a lax spike-like raceme, jointed on and falling entire from the axis or the rudimentary pedicels; rhachilla not continued beyond the floret. Floret 1, \u2225, much shorter than the glumes. Glumes equal, linear or linear-lanceolate, rigidly membranous, 1-nerved, passing into capillary awns. Valve lanceolate, acute, delicately hyaline, 1-nerved. Pale very minute, hyaline nerveless. Lodicules 2, broad, cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain cylindric, slender, exserted from the unchanged floret and enclosed with it in the glumes; embryo about one-third the length of the grain; hilum punctiform, basal.

Annual or subperennial; culms leafy; blades usually broad, rigid, and ciliate; ligules hyaline; spikes or pseudo-spikes slender, crinite from the long capillary awns.

P. latifolia, Ait.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 441; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 861; Barberton, Burtt-Davy 8014; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4436; Riviera, Pretoria, Mogg in Nat. Herb. 10085; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1410; Koster River, Pietersburg, Burtt-Davy 157; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8883.

XXVI. ARUNDINELLA, Raddi. (153).

Spikelets small, $2\frac{1}{2}$ lin. to less than 1 lin. long, acute or acuminate, panicled, continuous with or imperfectly jointed on the pedicels,; rhachilla disarticulating between the valves, glabrous, not produced beyond the upper floret. Florets 2, heteromorphous; lower 3, rarely barren or $\mbox{$1em$}$, upper $\mbox{$2em$}$. Glumes persistent, acuminate, membranous, strongly 3-5-nerved, upper usually longer. Lower valve thin, equalling the lower glume or slightly longer, subacute or minutely truncate, 3-7-nerved; upper valve terete, rarely dorsally subcompressed, finally cartilaginous, entire or minutely 2-fid, 3-7-nerved, minutely scaberulous, lobes sometimes produced into fine bristles; awn terminal or from between the lobes, short, kneed or straight, or 0; callus very short, obtuse. Pales linear, 2-keeled; flaps more or less auricled. Lodicules 2, cuneate, rather fleshy or 0 in the lower floret. Stamens 3 or 0 in the lower floret. Ovary glabrous, oblong or more or less arrested, or 0 in the lower floret. Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain oblong to ellipsoid, terete or dorsally subcompressed, tightly embraced by the valve and pale, free; hilum punctiform; embryo large; albumen hard.

Perennial, rarely annual; leaves various; panicles usually rather stiff; branches stiff,

divided from the base.

A. Ecklonii, Nees.

Vlakfontein, near Amersfort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4055; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 5076; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5407; White Umbelusi, Zoutpansberg, Burtt-Davy 10607; Waterval Boven, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1400; Vereeniging, Brandmuller 2.

"A coarse, hard grass of vleis and swamps; of apparently little feeding value"-

Burtt-Davy.

XXVII. MELINIS, Beauv. (154).

Spikelets linear-oblong, small, laterally compressed, panicled, deciduous from the capillary pedicels; lower floret reduced to an empty valve; upper \u2205. Glumes very dissimilar, lower reduced to a minute scale, upper membranous, shortly 2-lobed, mucronulate from the sinus, prominently 7-nerved, glabrous, rarely hairy. Valves very dissimilar; lower rather like the upper glume, but more deeply lobed and usually with a fine awn from the sinus, 5-nerved; upper smaller, very thin and rigidly membranous, minutely 2-lobed, shining, obscurely 3-1-nerved with an equal, obscurely 2-nerved pale of similar substance. Lodicules 2, very delicate. Stamens 3. Styles free, slender. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain unknown.

Perennial or annual (?); culms ascending from a prostrate, very slender, many-noded, branched base; ligules reduced to a fringe of short hairs; panicle contracted narrow, much divided, with capillary branchlets and pedicels; spikelets usually purple, at least, at the tip

M. tenuinervis, Stapf (=M. minutiflora, var. pilosa, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 447). Barberton, Burtt-Davy 270; Tzaneen, Mogg in Nat. Herb. H. 10454. Nearly related to the molasses grass of tropical Africa-Melinis minutiflora.

XXVIII. ALLOTEROPSIS, Presl. (161A).

Spikelets ovate or elliptic to lanceolate-oblong, acute or acuminate, mostly awned, slightly or conspicuously compressed from the back, falling entire from the pedicels, 2-nate or fascicled, subsecund and abaxial on the triquetrous rhachis of more or less spiciform digitate or subdigitate racemes; lower floret usually 3, upper floret \(\xi \). Glumes unequal, lower smaller, membranous to hyaline, 3-1-nerved, very acute, often mucronulate, upper equal or subequal to the spikelet, membranous to chartaceous, 5-nerved with the outer nerves submarginal, densely ciliate along them. Lower floret: valve resembling the upper glume, but eciliate, the tip minutely truncate and the lateral nerves approximate to each other and in or near the marginal flexure; valvule short, deeply 2-fid, with conspicuously auricled flaps. Upper floret: valve chartaceous, glabrous, delicately ciliolate upwards, 5-nerved, produced into a straight awn or mucronate; valvule equal to the valve, 2-keeled, with broadly auricled flaps. Lodicules 2, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Sigmas laterally exserted. Grain enclosed by the valve and valvule, ellipticoblong much compressed; scutellum about half the length of the grain; hilum basal, punctiform.

Perennial or annual; leaf-blades flat or more or less convolute; ligules membranous, ciliate or ciliolate, short or reduced to a mere rim; racemes sessile or peduncled, often more or less compound towards the base, digitate or subdigitate on a more or less clongated

common axis.

A. semialata, Hitch, var. Ecklonii, Stapf (Flor. Trop. Afr. IX, 3, 483 = Axonopus

semialatus, Hook, var. Ecklonii, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 418).

Vereeniging, Brandmuller 47; Ermelo, Tennant in Nat. Herb. 289; Ermelo, north of Blesbokspruit, Burtt-Davy 946; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7367, 7446; Belfast, Burtt-Davy 1323; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 3; Germiston, Witwatersrand, Fenn in Nat. Herb. 316; Beginsel, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 1020, 3082; Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Fouche; Derby Station, Marico, Burtt-Dary 7170; Mariestad, Pott 5214; Downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4081.

"Occasionally grazed when growing among other grasses, but rather coarse."-

Burtt-Davy.

XXIX. PASPALUM, Linn. (161).

Spikelets orbicular to oblong, mostly decidedly plano-convex, falling entire from the short rudimentary pedicels, solitary or paired, secund and abaxial on the dilated or narrow rhachis of spike-like racemes; lower floret barren, reduced to its valve; upper floret \(\geq \). Glumes: the lower typically suppressed, very rarely represented by a small scale; the upper more or less equal to the spikelet, rarely shorter or absent, convex, membranous, 3- or more-nerved. Lower floret: valve very similar to the upper glume, but usually flat or at least less convex, rarely subconcave, the middle nerve sometimes suppressed. Upper floret: valve chartaceous to crustaceous with firm margins, obtuse, emucronate, faintly nerved; valvule subequal to the valve and similar in substance, tightly embraced by the narrowly involute margins of the valve. Lodicules 2, minute, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas laterally exserted near the tip of the floret. Grain tightly enclosed by the slightly hardened valve and valvule, more or less biconvex; scutellum orbicular-elliptic, shorter than half the grain; hilum subbasal, punctiform.

Mostly perennial grasses of varying habit.

P. distichum, Linn. (= P. digitaria, Poir., Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 370). Wonderboom, near Pretoria, Nat. Herb. H. 19604.

P. scrobiculatum, Linn., var. Commersonii, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., 573 = P. scrobiculatum, L., Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 370).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 389; Middelburg, Nat. Herb. 302; Downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4099; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in

Nat. Herb. 304; Lydenburg, Nat. Herb. 306.

"Ditch grass," the Kodo Millet of India—a useful pasture grass in some localities. "Known to be poisonous and injurious to animals and man in India. The seed, especially the testa and pericarp, contain a narcotic poison. . . Cattle should not be allowed to feed on it when it is ripening."—Pammel.

We have no records of poisoning from this grass in South Africa. Susceptible to ergot.

P. dilatatum, Poir.

Occurs as an alien, probably an escape from cultivation, in moist localities. It is largely cultivated as a pasture and hay crop, but is subject to attacks of ergot (*Claviceps Paspali*). Very good pasture grass for sour veld.

XXX. ERIOCHLOA, H. B. and K. (164).

Spikelets ovate-lanceolate to oblong, acute or acuminate, sometimes finely and shortly aristulate, slightly compressed from the back, falling entire from the pedicels, 2-nate or solitary, secund and abaxial on the triquetrous rhachis of more or less spiciform simple or compound racemosely arranged racemes; lower floret of or barren, upper floret &. Glumes very unequal; the lower reduced to a minute cupular rim clasping the callously thickened bead-like lowest internode of the spikelet, upper corresponding in outline and size to the spikelet, sometimes shortly aristulate, membranous, faintly 5-nerved, the submarginal nerves sometimes obscure. Lower floret: valve very like the upper glume, if not slightly shorter; valvule subequal to the valve, 2-keeled or reduced or, like the lodicules and flower, quite suppressed. Upper floret: valve chartaceous to almost crustaceous, glabrous or very minutely puberulous at the apex, faintly 5-nerved, with a fine barbellate mucro of varying length; valvule equal to the valve, 2-keeled, with moderately narrow flaps. Lodicules 2, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas laterally exserted near the tips of the spikelets. Grain enclosed in its floret and the tightly appressed lower floret and upper glume, dorsally compressed; scutellum rather exceeding the middle of the grain; hilum subbasal, punctiform.

Perennial or annual; leaf-blades more or less flat, ligules reduced to a ciliate rim. Racemes peduncled or the upper subsessile, racemosely arranged in a narrow panicle.



Eriochloa Fouchei, Stent. Plate IV. A, Rachis of raceme with pedicels; B, Spikelet; C, Upper glume; D, Lower valve; E, Upper valve; F, Pale; G, Pistil and stamens.

E. Fouchei, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen annua. Culmi erecti, vel geniculati, 4-7 nodi, simplices vel nedis inferioribus ramosi, compressi, glabri, internodii infimi 4-5 cm., cetera breviores, brevite exserti, vel supremi basim panicula inclusi. Foliorum vaginae compressae, carinatae, tenuite striatae. Liquiae ad coronam dense ciliatam 1.5 mm. longa redacta. Laminae lineares, in apicem tenuem attenuatae, ad 8 mm. latae, 22 cm. longae, glabrae vel basim pubcscente, planae vel complicatae; costa gracila, distincta, supra tenuite canaliculata, subtus carinata. Panicula angusta, ad 21 cm. longa, racemo pluris (ad 20), appressis, vel obliquo patulo, solitarius, vel 2-3 natis. Rachis communis tenuite sulcatis, minute pubescentis. ad 5 cm. longi, internodios excedens, brevite pedunculati, infimi saepe basim compositi: rachis circa · 7 mm. latis, minute pubescentis, supra carina flexua, apex in spiculam terminens. Pedicelli plerumque 2-nati, longiore ad 2 mm. longi, carinam utroque alternis dispositus. ideo spiculae in ordines 4 videtae (in paucis racemis pedicelli solitarii ideo spiculae certe bi-seriatae), hirsuti, pilo longo-rigido albo, apices disciformes infra. Spiculae ad 4.5 mm. longae, ovato-lanceolatae, aristato-acuminatae, pallido-viridae, internediis basim globuliformis, viridis, vel purpureus, ·5 mm. diam.; gluma inferior membrana, cupula redacta: gluma superior ovato-acuminata, mucronis scabridis · 4 mm. longis, 5-sub 7-nervis, quadrans superior glabrus, cetera sparse hirsuta. Valva inferior gluma superior similis, sed parce brevior, vacua, ne quidem palea minuta. Valva superior angusto-ovata, glabra sed apice minute hirsuto, tenuite rugosa, 2.5 mm. longa, 5-nerva, mucrona scabrida, .4 mm. longa; palea angusta, plana, dorso tenuite rugoso; antherae 3, purpurescens. Styli distincti.

Gezina, near Pretoria, Fouche 7. The plants growing in the open veld have been much browsed by stock and they exhibit a prostrate habit with ascending branched culms, while those within a fenced area where the land has been ploughed are taller; simple and

erect, or only slightly geniculate from the lowest node.

This plant is very near to *E. aerotricha*, Hack. It differs from Hackel's description of that species in having longer spikelets and a longer panicle with more numerous racemes, spikelets in most of the racemes distinctly 4-seriate, and the mid-nerve of the leaf grooved above and prominent below. I have not seen an authentically named specimen of *E. aerotricha*, and it may be, as Dr. Stapf suggests, a polymorphic type that will include this species as well as *E. ramosa*, but this point can only be settled by the study of a wide range of material.

This is the first record that we have of the genus occurring in the Union of South Africa.

It appears to be a good fodder grass and stock apparently relish it.

XXXI. UROCHLOA, Beauv. (166A).

Spikelets broad-ovate to elliptic- or lanceolate-oblong, awnless, usually more or less flattened or slightly depressed abaxially, convex on the back, falling entire from the pedicels solitary or 2-nate or in fascicles of 3-4, secund and abaxial on the more or less triquetrous rarely strap-shaped rhachis of moderately slender or somewhat steut spiciform racemes; lower floret & or barren, with a well-developed valvule; upper floret \(\bar{\sigma} \). Glumes similar and subequal or more often dissimilar and very unequal in length, the lower being the shorter, upper resembling and more or less equalling the valve of the lower floret, 5-11-(mostly 7-nerved), with the nerves evenly distributed. Lower floret: valve 5-7-, rarely more-nerved, the inner lateral nerves somewhat distant from the mid-nerve; valvule subequal to the valve, with well-developed inflexed flaps and sharp, semetimes marginate, keels. Upper floret: valve elliptic to rotundate-elliptic in outline, very obtuse with a usually scabrid or barbellate mucro, crustaceous with firm margirs, narrowly involute, faintly 5-7-nerved; valvule almost as long as the valve, 2-keeled, its sides tightly embraced by the valve all along, of the same texture as the latter. Lodicules 2, small, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted upwards. Grain tightly enclosed by the more or less hardened valve ard valvule, broadly to rotur dateelliptic, dorsally compressed, more or less flattened on both faces with broadly rounded

sides; hilum subbasal, punctiform; embryo half to over three-quarters the length of the grain.

Perennial or annual; blades linear to lanceolate, flat; ligules reduced to a ciliate rim; racemes sessile or subsessile on a common axis, simple or nearly so; rhackis more or less triquetrous with a low almost straight or zigzag facial argle or keel, rarely strapshaped; pedicels solitary or in pairs, alternately to the right and the left of the facial argle, usually reduced to short disc-tipped stumps; or if 2-nate, the primary slightly larger; spik lets close, contiguous or slightly discontiguous, 2- or irregularly pluri-seriate, glabrous or hairv.

U. trichopus, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 589 = Panicum trichegus, Hechst., Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 391).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 398; Pienaars River Station,

Pretoria District, Burtt-Davy 7042; Hector Spruit, Kirk.

"Only grows on old lands, and along roads, etc., but has the merit of being the first grass to become fresh and green in the early spring before the rains."—Kirk.

U. pullulans, ver. mosambicensis, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX. 590).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin; Rooikop, Bushveld, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 155; Hamans Kraal, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 394; Pienaars River, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 165.

"Very drought resistant; . . . stock are very fond of it in the growing state; . . . it has a spreading habit, except where it comes up very thickly, and there it grows erect."— Galpin.

U. helopus, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 595 = Panicum helopus, var. glabrescens, K. Schum., Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 392).

Johannesburg, Bryant B. 6; Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 789; Smitskraal, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12919; Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2224 and Galpin 8866; Hamanskraal, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1094; Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Govt. Herb. 4682.

An annual weed, known as "sinande."

U. bulbodes. Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 593).

Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, in moist shady places, Galpin 8868; Potgietersrust, Burtt-Davy 2307.

XXXII. BRACHIARIA, Gris. (166B.)

Spikelets oblong to ovate- or elliptic-oblong, awnless, usually more or less flattened or slightly depressed, convex on the back, falling entire from the pedicels, 1-2-rate, more rarely in fascicles of 3 or more, secund and abaxial on the triquetrous or flat rhachis of moderately slender or stout mostly spiciform racemes; lower floret of or barren, with a usually well-developed valvule, very rarely the latter suppressed. Glumes dissimilar and mostly very unequal in length, the lower being the shorter, upper resembling, and more or less equalling, the valve of the lower floret, 5-7- (very rarely 9-) nerved, with the nerves evenly distributed. Lower floret: valve 5-, very rarely 7-nerved, the lateral nerves placed towards the margins and distant from the middle nerve; valvule usually only slightly shorter than the valve, with well-developed inflexed flaps or the latter vanishing above the middle. Upper floret: valve oblong to elliptic in outline, emucronate, though sometimes contracted into a small projecting point, more or less crustaceous or subcoriaceous with firm margins, narrowly involute, faintly 5-nerved; valvule almost as long as the valve, 2-keeled, its sides tightly embraced by the valve all along, of the same texture as the latter. Lodicules 2, small, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted from the upper part of the spikelet. Grain tightly enclosed by the more or less hardened valve and valvule, broad, oblong, or elliptic, dorsally compressed. more or less flattened on both faces with broadly rounded sides; hilum subbasal, punctiform; embryo half to over three-quarters the length of the grain.

Perennial or annual; blades linear to lanceolate, usually flat; ligules reduced to a narrow ciliate or ciliolate rim; racemes usually sub-sessile and solitary on a common axis, sometimes bare at the base owing to the arrest of spikelets, rarely truly peduncled and panicled (B. pooeoides), simple or compound near the base, rarely to or beyond the middle; rhachis filiform, triquetrous or more or less flattened and herbaceous with a wavy or zigzag midrib, which projects as a mostly acute keel on the face; pedicels solitary or in pairs, alternately to the right and the felt of the facial angle or the midrib, if solitary, all short or very short, if paired, the primary slightly to very much longer; spikelets closely appressed, always 2-seriate in the plan, but frequently becoming 1-seriate by the dovetailing of the alternate spikelets of the closely approximate ranks, more or less contiguous with their sides or imbricate forming dense spike-like racemes, or distant by almost their own length or more, glabrous or hairy.

B. brizantha, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 531 = Panicum brizanthum, Hochst.,

Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 386).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 399; Warmbaths, Waterberg District, Burtt-Davy 1151; near Komatipoort, Black M'belusi to Komati, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 10658 and 285; Skinners Court, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3555; Zeerust, Marico, Hughes in Nat. Herb. H. 321; also in tropical Africa.

A very promising pasture grass; birds are very fond of the seed, and on this account it is difficult to collect sufficient for sowing. "Large-seeded millet grass," frost-resistant.

B. mutica, Forsk. (?) (Stapf ex Prain. Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 527). Groenkloof, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21501.

This grass, which originally came from Warmbaths and which has been designated "Warmbaths grass," has never produced flowers. It, however, makes a dense and luxurious mass of vegetation, the details of which agree in every respect with the description of Brachiaria mutica, Forsk.; it also resembles exactly plants of Para grass of which we received roots some two years ago from Australia under that name.

The Penhalonga grass of Rhodesia is also apparently the same grass, and has never

flowered either here or in Rhodesia.

It is a late grass, and susceptible to cold; can be recommended for soil erosion on account of its long runners.

B. nigropedata, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 535 = Panicum nigropedatum,

Munro, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 388).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 397; Hamanskraal, Pretoria District, Burtt-Davy 1096; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1109; Kaffraria, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12974; Vierfontein to Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1625.

Krul gras—a sweet grass much relished by all stock.

B. serrata, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 537 = Panicum serratum, Spreng., Stapf

in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 388).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 395; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2030; Downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4090; Skinners Court, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3811; Bushveld, Pretoria, Reck, Gott. Herb. 3531; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 33, C. 13; Beginsel, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 1019; Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 3145; Vereeniging, Burtt-Davy 7026; Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1666; Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7426; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1061.

Of little value.

B. Isachne, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 552 = Panicum Isachne, Rott., Stapf

in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 390).

Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1140; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4392; Skinners Court, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 588; Beginsel Farm, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 1793; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1444; Vlakfontein, near Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4055; Kolonies Plaats, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 9094.

A troublesome annual weed.

B. Marlothii, Stent. comb. nov. (=Panicum Marlothii, Hack., Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 390).

Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1672; Kaffraria, near Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 11414.

B. arrecta, Stent, comb. nov. (=Panicum arrectum, Nees, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 393).

Spionkop, Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Bott end Bell in Nat. Herb. H. 3401.

XXXIII. ECHINOCHLOA, Beauv. (166c).

Spikelets ovate to elliptic- or lanceolate-oblong, usually cuspidate or awned, very convex on the back, flat or slightly depressed in front, falling entire from the pedicels, 2-nate or clustered, secund and abaxial on the triquetrous rhachis of racemosely arranged false spikes; lower floret of or barren, upper floret &. Glumes unequal, membranous, the lower much shorter, more or less ovate from a clasping base, 3-5-nerved, often mucronate, the upper corresponding in length and outline to the spikelet (as seen from the back), very concave, 5-7-nerved, acute, cuspidulate or cuspidate, rarely produced into a short awn. Lower floret equalling the upper glume (excluding cusps or awns); valve very similar to the upper glume, but flat or depressed on the back and often with a more pronounced cusp or an awn; valvule equal to the body of the valve, or in barren florets more or less reduced, hyaline, finely 2-keeled. Upper floret: valve ovate to elliptic-oblong, apiculate or obtuse, very convex on the back, subcoriaceous or crustaceous, polished, faintly 5-nerved, margins firm, involute up to near the tip, then flat, not embracing the tip of the valvule; valvule subequal to the valve and similar in substance, with rounded keels and flaps which thin out towards the flat slightly recurved tips. Lodicules 2, cuneate, fleshy. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose, exserted from near the tips. Grain broad-elliptic, dorsally flat, ventrally convex; hilum punctiform, subbasal; embryo elliptic-oblong or ovate, exceeding the middle of the grain.

Perennial, and often tall, or annual; blades linear from a slightly constricted or equally wide rarely much attenuated base; ligules 0 or represented by a transverse fringe of hairs; panicles of crowded or loosely arranged secund spiciform branches mostly bearing spikelets from the base or near it; spikelets more or less hispid on the nerves of the glumes, and the

ower valve, rarely almost smooth.

E. Holubii, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 606 = Panicum Holubii, Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 394).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 396; Vereeniging, Brandmuller 29; Vaal River, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 12766; vlei at Hamanskraal, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy, 1645.

A grass of moist situations, much relished by cattle.

E. stagnina, P. Beauv. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 617 = Panicum stagninum, Retz., Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 394).

Potchefstroom, Smith in Nat. Herb. H. 13975; Johannesburg, Kling in Nat. Herb. H. 8793; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8909.

E. colona, Link. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 607).

Potchefstroom, Bell in Nat. Herb. 7635; Hartebeestedam, near Pretoria, Pole Evans 699.

An annual, probably introduced, not very common, valued in India as a fodder-grass and for the grain, which in some districts is used by the natives for food.

XXXIV. PANICUM, Linn. (166).

Spikelets lanceolate to oblong, elliptic or orbicular in outline, symmetrical in profile, rarely somewhat oblique, falling entire or almost so, from the often elongated pedicels of a compound or decompound panicle, without a definite orientation towards the axis;

ower floret & or barren, and then usually with a distinct valvule; upper foret &. Glumes more or less herbaccous-membrarous; the lower usually shorter than the upper (often by very much), rarely equaling it, usually with 1 or note relives or it very small rerveless; upper as long as the spikelet, rounded on the back, &-g-rerved. I ever foret: valve very similar to the upper glume and equally rounded and curved on the back (rarely less when the spikelets become oblique), 5-9-, rarely 3- or 11-nerved; valvule thinly membranous to subhyaline, subequal to the valve or more or less reduced, rarely suppressed. Upper floret: valve subcoriaceous to coriaceous with firm margins, obtuse to subacute, emucronate (see 1, P. meyerianum), faintly nerved; valvule subequal to the valve and of similar substance, tightly embraced by the more or less involute margins of the valve. Lodicules 2, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas laterally exserted near the tip of the floret. Grain tightly enclosed by the hardened valve and valvule, dorsally compressed bi-convex to almost plano-convex; scutellum elliptic to ovate-elliptic, about half as long as the grain; hilum subbasal, punctiform

Perennial or annual; rarely suffrutescent, of varying habit and size; leaf-blades mostly linear to linear-lanceolate, but in some groups ovate or filiform to subulate; panicles usually much divided and at least temporarily open; spikelets usually loosely scattered,

glabrous or hairy.

P. deustum. Thunb.

The Pyramids, Pretoria, Maynard 21; Pilansberg, Rustenburg, Gilbs in Nat. Herb. H. 4342.

P. maximum, Jacq.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3807; Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 2190; Pushveld, Pretoria, Reck in Nat. Herb, H. 178; De Kroon, Brits, Rustenburg, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 6121; Crocodile River, Burtt-Da y 9284; Spitzkop Farm. Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 13631; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1147; Pyramid, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8871; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 403; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1136; Waterval Boven, Lydenburg District, Burtt-Davy 1417; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4450.

The "buffels gras" of the bushveld, more commonly known in other parts of the

world as Guinea grass; an excellent pasture and hay grass.

The degree of hairyness varies considerably. Burtt-Davy 1417 has very hairy sheaths and culms, and rather large, glabrous, purple spikelets. Reck. in Nat. Herb. H. 178 and Gupin 403 exhibit a glaucous form with smaller, greenish, pubescent spikelets, which may prove to be specifically distinct when more material can be collected and examined.

P. laevifolium, Hack.

Johannesburg, Observatory Hill, Bryant B. 41; Vereeniging, Burtt-Davy 7518; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1152; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 401; Nylstroom, Waterberg, Driver in Nat. Herb. H. 8947 at d Hilliard in Nat. Herb. H. 4124; Pietersburg, Zoutpansberg, Van Rooyen in Nat. Herb. H. 9034; Barberton, Lea in Nat. Herb. H. 5875; Middelburg, Ballard in Nat. Herb. H. 6307; Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1677 and 1623; Ermelo Experiment Farm, Birtt-Davy 3390; Teakworth, Standerton District, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 19941; Platrand, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 2356; Potchefstroom, in vlei lands, Burtt-Davy 1071, 2375; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1380; Christiana, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 12790.

"Roll gras" or "Blaauwzaad gras" of the Orange Free State.

An annual sweet grass, valuable as a hay and pasture g ass, very fast growing. It is sometimes attacked by the parasite Striga lutea. Stent, H. 19941, shows a specimen of the Panicum bearing Striga lutea on its roots—both host and parasite are in a flourishing condition; there were, however, patches on the lands on which I collected this specimen where the Panicum was dwarfed and stunted, and not more than a few inches high on account of the attacking parasite.

P. longijubatum, Stapf (in Prain. Flor. Trop. Afr., 1X, 718 = Panicum proliferum, var. longijubatum and var. paludosum, Stapf, in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 406).
Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Galpin 8872.

P. coloratum, Linn.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 405; near Station, Warmbaths, Waterberg District, Burtt-Davy 860; Kolonies Plaats, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 9083; Machavie Station, between Potchefstroom and Klerksdorp, Burtt-Davy 1480; Kaffraria, Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12869, 14125, 14134; Bloemhof; Burtt-Davy 1509; Smitskraal, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12924.

P. minus. Stapf.

Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21125; Christiana, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 11711.

Var. planifolium, Stapf.

Kaffraria, Christiana, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 14137; Potchefstroom, in black loam near furrow, Burtt-Davy 1211.

"A useful grass; very closely resembling forms of P. coloratum."—Burtt-Davy.

P. dregeanum, Nees.

Pyramid Estate, near to Potgietersrust, Galpin 8870.

P. natalensis, Hochst.

Groenkloof, Pretoria, Phillips H. 21686; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 13; Observatory Ridge, Johannesburg, Burtt-Davy 3096; Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5464; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 2112; Billy's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9312; one mile north of Robinsons, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 2973; Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 3143.

P. Ecklonii, Nees.

Belfast, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 10627.

P. novemnerve, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 702).

In sandy places near Mara, north Zoutpansberg, Schlecht. 4614.

Dr. Stapf. in the Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 705, has created a separate species for Schlechter 4614, and described it under the name of Panicum arcuramum. I cannot, however, find sufficient differences between Schlechter's specimen and those Dr. Stapf has classified under P. novemnerve to warrant such distinction, and his description of the latter grass agrees well with Schlechter's specimen in which the upper glume is more often than not 9-nerved. The arrangement of the spikelets is also not a constant character.

P. miliaceum, L.

Groenkloof, Pretoria, Turner in Nat. Herb. H. 10013; Pyramid, Pretoria,

Maynard 21; Rustenburg, Weeber in Nat. Herb. 6621.

Indian buffels grass. Cultivated; there is no records of this grass occurring spontaneously in the Transvaal, except perhaps as an escape from cultivation.

P. obscurans, Stapf (ex Woodrow in Journ. Bomb. Nat. Hist. Soc., XIII, 434, 1901).

Pretoria, Franks in Nat. Herb. H. 10616; Wonderboompoort, Pretoria, Mogg

in Nat. Herb. H. 9937; Crocodile River, Burtt-Davy 9290.

The culms of this grass break off at the top node when the seeds are ripe, and the widely spread, straw-coloured panicle is blown over the veld. The seeds contain a great quantity of oil, and were responsible for seriously impeding the movements of trains, principally in the Pretoria, Witwatersrand, and Standerton Districts, where the tops of the grass were constantly being blown in great masses on to the railway line.

Another report of strange behaviour on the part of this Panicum comes from Krugers-dorp, which suddenly received a shower of this grass which fell on the streets of the town like muna from the heavens above. The probable explanation of this phenomenon was

that masses of the grass had been collected in the veld by a passing whirlwind, commonly known in this country as a "dust devil," and this had carried the grass along, whirling it high into the clouds, and finally releasing it over Krugersdorp.

XXXV. DIGITARIA, Hall (166D).

Spikelets lanceolate to elliptic-oblong, flat or more or less concave in front, convex on the back, falling entire from the pedicels, usually 2-3- (more rarely 4-6-) nate, secund and abaxial on the triquetrous or flat rhachis of slender to very slender spiciform racemes; lower floret barren, reduced to the valve and a very minute rudimentary valvule, accompanied by equally minute lodicules; upper floret usually equal to the lower, &. Glumes very dissimilar, the lower a minute membranous scale or a very delicate readily disintegrating hyaline membrane, or sometimes quite suppressed, upper membranous, sometimes very thin, as long as the fertile floret to whose back it is appressed, or shorter to very short, 5- or more often 3-nerved, very rarely 1-nerved or almost nerveless, or 0. Barren floret: valve sometimes resembling the upper glume, but generally larger and determining the outline and size of the spikelet, 7-5-nerved; very rarely 3-nerved or reduced to a small scale, nerves parallel, prominent if not obscured by hairs. Fertile floret: valve chartaceous to subchartaceous with thin hyaline margins, faintly 3-nerved; valvule equal or subequal to the valve, embraced by it all along, finely 2-nerved, of the same texture. Lodicules 2, minute, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas laterally exserted near the top of the floret. Grain tightly enclosed by the slightly hardened valve and pale, oblong, dorsally more or less compressed, plano-convex in cross-section, with rounded sides; hilum subbasal, punctiform; embryo usually less than half the length of the grain.

Perennial or annual, very rarely suffrutescent; blades linear to linear-lanceolate, usually flat and often more or less flaccid; ligules membranous; racemes sessile, digitate or more or less distant on a common axis, sometimes bare at the base owing to the arrest of spikelets, rarely truly peduncled and panicled, simple or sometimes compound near the base; rhachis triquetrous, lateral angles with narrow green margins or herbaceous wings or flattened with a terete midrib; pedicels unequally long; spikelets closely appressed and more or less imbricate or lax to very lax, usually silky though often apparently glabrous owing to the very tight application of the extremely fine hairs, rarely really glabrous.

D. monodactyla, Stapf.

Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5408; Belfast, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 1345; Botsabelo, Schlechter 3781.

Var. explicata, Stapf (ex Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 442).

Billy's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9254.

Macdonald and Burtt-Davy's specimens, which I have classified as belonging to the type as limited by Stapf in the Flor. Trop. Afr. on account of the narrow convolute leaves, both have some of the basal leaves flat and with well-developed motor cells, and occasionally three lateral ribs on either side of the midrib.

D. argyrograpta, Stapf.

Potchefstroom Farm, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1068; Kaffraria, Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14148; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1141.

D. eriantha, Steud.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 393; Downs, Zoutpansberg, on open veld, Junod 4086; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 13666; Vierfontein, Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1639; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 11459.



Digitaria Smutsii, Stent. $Plate\ V.$

A, Base of leaf with ligule; B, Pair of spikelets; C, Glumes; D, Lower valve; E, Scale like pale; F, Upper valve; G, Pale; H, Pistil and stamers.

Var. stolonifera, Stapf.

Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 2376; Hamanskraal, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 091.

A useful pasture grass. "Finger gras"; one of our best sweet grasses.

D. Smutsii, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne, dense caespitosum, rhizoma obliquum, gemmis innovationalibus. Culmi erecti, geniculati ad 1.5 m. alti, glabri; nodi plurimi remos florertes ferentes. Foliorum vaginae glabrae, vel inferiores pilis tuberculis insidentibus conspersa, infimae basis tomentosae. Ligulae membranaceae, 2–3.5 mm. longae. Laminae lineares, apice setaceo-acuminata, ad 12 mm. latae, 50 cm. longae, culmorum folia plerumque brevia lataque, illa innovationum longiores angustiora, laeves, vel marginibus parce asperis, planae, subtus carinatae, nervis lateralibus primariis untrimque 5–7. Racemi 4–10, plerumque 8–10, sessiles, solitarii vel infimi verticillati ex axe communis, plerumque late patentes, ad 15 cm. longi, plumbeo-viridi vel purpurescentes, inferiores saepe e basi ramis brevibus; rachis tenuis ·5 mm. lata, anguste marginata, supra carinata; pedicelli binati, aliquardo ternati, vel solitarii, longissimus, ad circa 7 mm. longus. Spiculae appressae, subim bricatae, anguste ovato-lanccolatae, 3·5 mm. longae, 7 mm. latae; gluma inferior brevissima, membranacea, enerva; gluma superior angusta, circa 1–2 mm. longa, 3 nervis, pilis bombycinis inter nervoset in marginibus; palea squama hyalina ·5 mm. longa, rare longiore.

Doornkloof, Irene, near Pretoria, *Pole Evans* 217; Division of Eotary, Pretoria (cult.), *Stent* in *Nat. Herb.* H. 21418; Irene, *Burtt-Davy* 3839; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, *Burtt-Davy* 13666; Hamanskraal, near Pretoria, *Burtt-Lavy* 1089.

Near to *D. eriantha*, Steud., but a taller, coarser grass, with much-branched culms; broader leaves, with 5-7 distinct lateral nerves and a prominent keel; racemes nearly always widely spreading on an elongated axis and with numerous short additional racemes at the base of the lower ones. The spikelets are often ternate, sometimes 4-5 on short branches, and the pedicels are usually long.

This grass has been frequently collected and distributed as D. eriantha. I had seen only the dried material till General Smuts drew my attention to it growing on his farm at Irene, and the difference in habit and general appearance between it ard D. eriantha

was obvious. It has since been cultivated at the Dry-land Station at Groenkloof, where it has done well and is proving a very promising grass.

D. setivalva, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne, stolonifer. Culmi erecti, vel geniculati, 46-107 cm, alti, 3-5-nodis, simplices vel plerumque nodis ramatis; nodus superior longissimus vagina lorga exsertus. Foliorum vaginae tenuae, laxae, viridae, gracile sulcatae, hirsutae, pilis loi gis albis e tuberculis patentibus (Galpin M. 390 and 394) vel omnino glabrae (Galpin M. 352) vel tantum pauci nodi hirsuti, ceteri glabri (Burtt-Davy 864); ligulae teruae men.biar.aceae, ovatae, integrae, vel tandem fimbriatae, ad 4 mm. lorgae. Laminae lineares, lar ceolatae, base tenuite constrictae et rotundatae, in apicem setaceum attenuatae, glabrae vel exigue hirsutae, scaberulae; margines cartilagines, stricti vel aliquantum crispi; costa terua, nervis lateralibus inconspicuis. Racemi 5-11, digitati vel sub-digitati, erecti vel tenuites patenti, stricti, ad 20 cm. longi, rachis strictus vel tenuite flexuosus, margiribus arguste alatis, scaber, 6 mm. latus. Spiculae appressae, 3 mm. longae, haud imbricatae, acute acuminatae, pallide viridae vel flavescentes, hirsutae; gluma irferior parvissima obtusa, enerva; gluma superior angusta, acute acuminata, circa 2 mm. lorga, 3-nervis, pilis appressis costa utrinque et cum marginibus longe molliteque ciliatis; valva ir ferior spiculam aequans, 7-nervis, pilis tenuis obtusis inter nervos e marginibusque; ordires interiores pilorum cum setis validis albidis vel flavibus nitentibus, acutis, mixti, setae pilique tar dem patenti; lodiculae et palea minutae; valva superior 3-nervis, valvam inferiorem fere aequans, sub-apiculata.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, in black turf, Galpin M. 392; on loam formation, Galpin M. 390, 394, 391; Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy 864; Springbok Flats, Burtt-Davy 1122.

This resembles D. marginata, var. fimbriata, Stapf (ex descr.), but is a more robust grass and a perennial; the thick-walled, sharp-pointed bristles on the lower valves are constant in all the material examined. In Burtt-Davy 1122, Galpin M. 390, 394, ard 391, they are bright golden, while in Burtt-Davy 864 and Galpin M. 392 they are whitish with a tendency to become yellow in some of the spikelets.

Stapf refers Burtt-Davy 1122 to D. eriantha (Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 430), and notes

that it is the only specimen he has seen with the stiff yellow bristles.

The same grass occurs in Southern Rhodesia (Mundy 2830), and Mr. Walters writes of it: "It is a native Rhodesian grass and when grown alone covers the ground well, being both perennial and stoloniferous. It has shown great promise as a pasture constituent.'

D. ternata, Stapf.

Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1375; Spionkop, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9238; Volksrust, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 7732.

D. debilis, Willd.

Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 367.

D. horizontalis, Willd.

Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2233; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. 368.

D. marginata, Link. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 439).

Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 886; Rietvlei Farm, Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1262.

D. longiflora, Pers. (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 469).

Downs, on veld, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4100; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 378.

D. uniglumis, Stapf (Stapf in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 474).

Downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4093; Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3549. I have not seen an authentically named specimen of this species, but the specimens quoted above agree with Stapf's description, except that the spikelets are slightly larger (2.25 mm.) and the roots and bases of the culms are densely covered with silky tementose cataphylls, and the sheaths do not appear to break up into fibres. Schlechter 6901 from Sand River, distributed as D. diagonalis, is the same grass from a very different locality. It is possible that both the above grasses should be placed under Stapf's D. diagonalis, but the localities suggest rather an extension of the tropical species. More material is necessary before I can decide definitely on this point.

D. tricholaenoides, Stapf.

Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7445; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5464; Spitzkop, R. Pott 5206; Amersfoort, Burtt-Davy 9049.

Good fodder grass, relished by sheep.

D. Brazzae, Stapf (in Prain, Flor. Trop. Afr., IX, 447). Houghton Estate, Johannesburg, Bryant C. 37.

XXXVI. TRICHOLAENA, Schrad. (168).

Spikelets oblong, laterally compressed, more or less gaping, panieled, deciduous from capillary pedicels; lower floret usually of or barren, upper \$. Glumes very dissimilar or at least unequal, lower reduced to a minute scale or obsolete, very rarely half the length of the spikelet, somewhat remote from the upper; upper glume membrarous, emargirate. muticous or finely mucronate or aristate from the sinus, 5-nerved, usually hairy. Valves very dissimilar, lower like the upper glume with a hyaline 2-nerved subequal pale, upper much smaller, thinly chartaceous, glabrous, shining, obtuse or subemarginate, obscurely 5-nerved, with an equal 2-nerved pale of similar substance. Ledicules 2, very small. Stamens 3. Style free, slender. Stigma densely plumose, laterally exserted. Grain

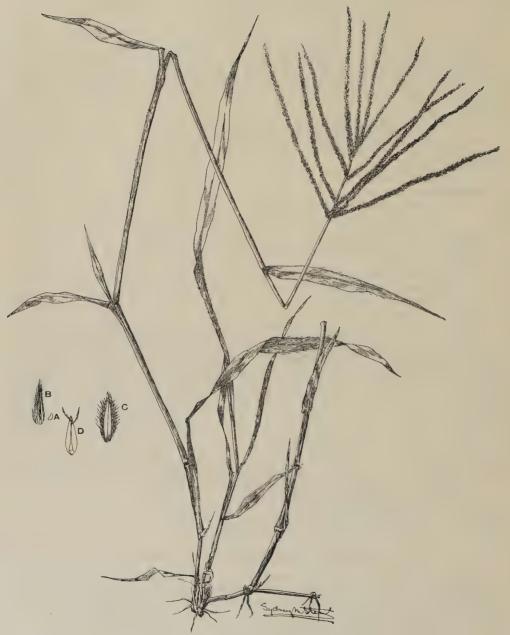


Plate VI.

Digitaria setivalva, Stent.

A, Lower glume; B, Upper glume; C, Lower valve; D, Fertile floret.

oblong-ellipsoid, closely embraced by the valve and pale; hilum basal, punctiform;

embryo about half the length of the grain.

Perennial, rarely annual; blades linear to setaceous; ligule a fringe of hairs; panicles open or contracted, often much divided, with capillary branchlets and pedicels, the latter with thickened tips; spikelets often completely enveloped by soft shining hairs, rarely pubescent or quite glabrous.

T. setifolia, Stapf.

Johannesburg, Observatory Hill, Bryant B. 36; Houghton Estate, Bryant C. 23; Pretoria, Wonderboom, Burtt-Davy 8059; The Willows, Burtt-Davy 4488; Eloff's Plantation. Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5440; near Irene, Burtt-Davy 30; Barberton Mts., Burtt-Davy 337; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1378; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1423; Schoeman's Kloof, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 7251; Spitzkop, Sabie, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. H. 1573; Billy's Vlei, Carolina, Mitchell in Nat. Herb. H. 5666; Christiana, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 13227.

T. rosea, Nees.

Bezuidenhout Valley, Johannesburg, Bryant B. 1; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4233; Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, on the kopje, Burtt-Davy 1668; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 406; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Mogg in Nat. Herb. H. 9452; Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 405; Komatipoort, Burtt-Davy 375; Mooibank Settlement, Potchefstroom, Jones in Nat. Herb. H. 170.

Natal Red Top-a good fodder grass.

XXXVII. XYOCHLAENA, Stapf (168A).

Spikelets oblong or ovate-oblong, deciduous from capillary pedicels, more or less gaping, not gibbous, glabrous or pubescent; lower floret usually 3 or barren; upper floret \(\frac{1}{2} \). Glumes very unequal, the lower often reduced to a minute scale; upper 5-nerved, emarginate, muticous, or minutely mucronate, glabrous or pubescent, rarely shortly villous. Lower valve like the upper glume, with a hyaline 2-nerved subequal pale; upper valve smaller, membranous or chartaceous, glabrous, shining, obtuse or subemarginate, obscurely 5-nerved with an equal 2-nerved pale. Lodicules 2, very small. Stamens 2. Styles free, slender.

Perennial; blades linear to setaceous; ligule a fringe of hairs; panicles open or contracted, often much divided, with capillary branchlets and pedicels. Differs from *Tricholaena* in the non-gibbous upper glume and barren valves, which also lack the enveloping

long silky hairs.

X. monachne, Stapf (Hook, Icon, Plt. V, 1, t. 3098 = Tricholaena glabra, Stapf, in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 446).

Bushveld, Pretoria, Reck in Nat. Herb. H. 176.

Xyochlaena, sp. nov. (?) Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, *Galpin M.* 404.

XXXVIII. OPLISMENUS, P. Beauv. (169).

Spikelets oblong to ovate-oblong or lanceolate, awned from the glumes, falling entire from the pedicels, in small clusters on a common axis or 2-nate or solitary, secund and abaxial on the angular rhachis of racemosely arranged densely or more rarely interruptedly spiciform racemes; lower floret 3 or barren, with a perfect or reduced or no valvule; upper floret \$\frac{1}{2}\$. Glumes similar in shape and texture, subequal, herbaceous to membranous, 3-7 nerved, both, at least the lower, awned, more or less keeled upwards. Lower floret exceeding the glumes; valve resembling them, 5-9-nerved, muticous or mucronate, or very shortly awned; valvule subequal to the valve, and 2-nerved when perfect. Upper

floret: valve oblong, broadly involute with firm margins, muticous, chartaceous to sub-coriaceous; valvule equalling the valve and embraced by the valve all along. Ledicules 2; broadly cureate, often very delicate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct, long. Stigmas terminally or subterminally exserted, plumose. Grain tightly enclosed by the somewhat hardened valve and valvule, oblong; hilum oblong, one-third to half the length of the grain.

Annual or more usually perennial; often weak grasses with slender many-noded ascending culms, the internodes of which have mostly a decurrent villous line adaxial to the subtending leaf; blades flat, thin, often slightly asymmetrical, often minutely cross-veined; lower and intermediate racemes mostly distant, the upper decreasing upwards

and more or less approximate; the awn of the lower glume the longest.

O. africanus, Beauv., var. simp ex, Stapf.

Houtbosch, Transvaal, Rehmann 5735*.

O. hirtellus, P. Beauv. (Stapf in Prain, Trop. Afr., IX, 631 = O. africanus, Beauv., Stapf in Flor. Cap., VII, 416).

Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 4675.

XXXIX. SETARIA, Beauv. (171).

Spikelets ovate to oblong, falling entire from the pedicel, subterded by 1 to many persistent bristles (modified branchlets), which often form a one-sided involucre (see section Ptychophyllum), subsessile in contracted spike-like or more or less open panicles. Lower floret \$\mathcal{Z}\$, or reduced to the valve, and a more or less arrested pale; upper floret \$\mathcal{Z}\$. Glumes membranous, lower generally much smaller, usually 3-5, rarely 1- or 7-nerved, upper usually 5-, sometimes 7-nerved. Lower valve more or less exceeding and resembling the upper glumes; upper valve chartaceous to coriaceous, 5-nerved. Pales subequal to their valves or that of the lower floret more or less arrested, flat, 2-nerved, hyaline in the lower, of the same substance as the valve in the upper floret. Lodicules 2, broadly cuneate. Stamens 3. Styles distinct. Stigmas laterally exserted. Grain tightly enclosed by the hardened valve and pale, oblong or ellipsoid; hilum basal, punctiform or orbicular; embryo about half as long as the grain.

Perennials or annuals of various habit; ligules usually reduced to a ciliate rim, rarely a distinct membrane; panicle mostly cylindric, spike-like, dense, with the solitary or clustered spikelets on very short branches, which are more or less produced into bristles beyond the spikelets or divided into a one-sided bristly involucre at their base, or more or less open with elongate branches and more distant spikelets, often with or without

subtending bristles in the same inflorescence; bristles always persistent.

S. sulcata, Raddi.

Skinners Court, Pretoria (cult. ?), Burtt-Davy 611; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4460; Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 4667; Barberton, Burtt-Davy 267.

Natal buffel grass; valuable pasture grass; horses are especially fond of it. Seeds

are harmful to small birds.

S. lindenbergiana, Stapf.

Johannesburg, on hillsides at Rosebank, Bryant F. 6; Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 5608; Crocodile River, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 207; slopes of the Magaliesberg, Fouche H. 21687.

"Kopje gras"; an excellent pasture grass.

S. nigrirostris, Dur. and Schinz.

Ermelo District, Ermelo, Tennant in Nat. Herb. H. 6927; Athol, near Amsterdam, A. C. Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 94; Vlakfontein, Wakkerstroom District, Burtt-Davy 4155; Beginsel Farm, Standerton Burtt-Davy 934; Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7380; Johannesburg, Bryant C. 8; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 791; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. 4382.

An excellent pasture grass for high veld.

S. Gerrardii, Stapf.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. H. 4367; Struben's Farm, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4481; Onderstepoort, Pretoria, Native Aaron in Nat. Herb H. 7938; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin 408; Potchefstrcom, Burtt-Davy 2176; Pan Station, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13336; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9158; Standerton, Burtt-Davy 3316.

S. Holstii, Herrm. (in Rosen, Beitrag. Biol., Pflanzen X, 45).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 407; Malalane, Barberton, Atmore in Nat. Herb. H. 4727.

S. sp.

Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4393.

Belongs to an undescribed tropical species, the description and name of which will be published by Dr. Stapf.

S. perennis, Hack.

Kopjes at Sunnyside, Pretoria, W. Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5549; Crocodile and Magalies Rivers, Burtt-Davy 202; Koster River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 141.

S. flabellata, Stapf.

Eloff's Plantation, Pretoria, W. Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5433; near Nylstroom. Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2032, 2025; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7375, 7403; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9171; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5457; Panplaats, Pan Station, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13309; Potchefstroom, Machavie Station, Burtt-Davy 1479; Welverdiend Station, Burtt-Davy 14580; Cawoods Hope, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12973.

S. aurea, A. Brown.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 4361, 3388, 5830; Johannesburg, Bryant C. 87; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 451; Louis Trichardt, Zoutpansberg, Fripp in Nat. Herb. H. 10358; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4403 and 4398; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 1659.

South African golden millet grass; good hay grass.

S. imberbis, R. & S.

Arcadia, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 11745; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 86, B. 13, C. 11; Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 4674; Kolonies Plaats, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 9084; Rietvlei, Belfast, Burtt-Davy 1263; Experiment Farm, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 7716.

An annual weed in cultivated lands.

S. italica, Beauv.

Houghton Estate, Johannesburg, Bryant C, 35; Standerton, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. H, 5064.

A cultivated species occurring sometimes as an escape.

S. verticillata, Beauv.

Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1040; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 9090, Eldred in Nat. Herb. H. 4220; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 436; Rietvlei, Belfast, Burtt-Davy 1257.

"Klitsgras"; a troublesome weed in cultivated lands.

XL. PENNISETUM, Pers. (175).

Spikelets oblong or lanceolate, solitary or in clusters of 2-4, subtended by and deciduous with sessile or peduncled involucres of naked or piumose bristles (rarely reduced to a solitary bristle in section Beckeropsis), and arranged round the axis of spike-like, usually cylindric, panicles; lower floret of or barren, with or without a pale; upper \u2205. Glumes usually small and hyaline, lower sometimes suppressed, upper rarely half the length of the spikelets

or more, and then several to 7-nerved. Valves equal or subequal, membranous to chartaceous, 5-7-nerved, or the lower more or less reduced, thinner, fewer-nerved. Pales subequal to the valve and of similar texture, 2-nerved, or more or less reduced in the lower floret. Lodicules small, usually in front and outside the pale, or 0. Stamens 3. Styles distinct, slender or connate. Grain enclosed by the slightly changed valve and pale (see also *P. typhoideum*), broadly oblong, slightly dorsally compressed to subglobose; hilum

basal, punctiform; embryo large, half-three-quarters the length of the grain.

Perennial or annual; culms simple or often profusely branched; blades flat or convolute; ligules usually reduced to a ciliate rim or a fringe of hairs, rarely membranous; panicle spike-like, usually dense, branches very numerous all around the axis, very short, simple with a solitary spikelet, or scantily divided, with the spikelets in clusters of 2–5; the solitary spikelets or the clusters subtended by and deciduous with an involucre (very rarely a solitary bristle) of often very numerous and usually unequal scabrid or plumose, simple, rarely branched bristles.

P. spicatum, R. & S. (=P. typhoideum, in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 432).

Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1735, 1734.

Cultivated under the names of pearl millet and babala grass.

P. cenchroides, Rich.

Waterberg, near Nylstroom, Burtt-Davy 2006; Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy 2334; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 435.

One of several grasses known as buffel grass; useful pasture plant.

P. macrourum, Trin.

Belfast, Burtt-Davy 1463.

Occurs also in the Waterberg District, but not very common in the Transvaal.

P. sphacelatum, Dur. & Schinz., var. tenuifolium, Stapf. Wonderboom, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 8060.

P. Thunbergii, Kunth.

Pinedene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 2325; Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 140; Belfast, Franks in Nat. Herb. H, 9774.

Var. Galpinii, Stapf.

Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 830; Vereeniging, Brandmuller 6.

XLI. POTAMOPHILA, R. Br. (191).

Spikelets laterally slightly compressed, on short or rather long pedicels, panicled; rhachilla jointed above the rudimentary basal glumes. Florets 3; lower two reduced to minute empty valves, uppermost $\mbox{$\circlearrowleft$}$ or unisexual, with the organs of the other sex reduced. Glumes reduced to very minute rounded or truncate scales, or to an obscure entire or bilobed hyaline rim. Empty valves very small, hyaline, nerveless, subulate or elliptic and rounded or lobed; fertile valve membranous, 5-nerved, awnless, nerves raised, sometimes slightly winged. Pale 3-nerved; otherwise similar to the fertile valve. Lodicules 2, finely nerved. Stamens 6. Styles distinct. Stigmas feathery. Grain obovate, compressed, crowned by the thickened bases of the styles, enclosed by the unaltered glume and pale, free.

Rather tall aquatic grasses; blades flat; ligules membranous; panicle effuse or

contracted.

P. prehensiles, Benth.

In bush, Cyprus Point, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4103.

XLII. ORYZA, Linn. (193).

Spikelets disarticulating below the glumes, 1-flowered, laterally compressed, and oblong, on the slender branches of an elongate rarely spiciform panicle; pedicels annular at the top.

Glumes scale or bristle-like or suppressed. Valve chartaceous obtuse or acute, awnless or awned, strongly 3-5-nerved, palea as long as the valve, keeled. Lodicules 2-lobed, rarely entire. Stamens 6; anthers linear. Styles short, free. Stigmas laterally exserted. Grain narrow, free or adnate to the valve and palea.

Tall, leafy grasses. Leaves long and flat. Ligule long and firmly membranous.

O. sativa. L.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, in Nyl Vlei, Galpin M. 444. Escape from cultivation (?).

XLIII. LEERSIA, Sw. (194).

Spikelets laterally compressed, very shortly pedicelled, panicled; rhachilla jointed above the rudimentary glumes. Floret 1, \u2225. Glumes reduced to an obscure hyaline, entire, or 2-lobed rim. Valve 5-nerved, subcartilaginous, awnless, keel and margins rigidly ciliate. Pale narrow, 3-nerved, subcartilaginous, except at the hyaline margins, grooved along the outer nerves and tightly clasped by the inflexed margins of the valve, keel rigidly ciliate. Lodicules 2; fleshy, finely nerved. Stamens 6, 3, or 1. Styles distinct. Stigmas feathery. Grain ovate or oblong, compressed, embraced by the valve and the pale, free; embryo short.

Perennial; leaves narrow; panicle usually flaccid, with very slender branches.

L. hexandra, Sw.

Johannesburg, Bryant C. 9; Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1167; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 400; Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy 1148; Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 4677; Beginsel Farm, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 1809; Vereeniging, Burtt-Davy 7703, Brandmuller 5.

Chiefly found in swampy or moist places. "Water kweek."

"An excellent, nourishing, and palatable grass in its early stages; cattle and horses relish it and grow fat on it."—Brandmuller.

XLIV. EHRHARTA. Thunb. (201).

Spikelets laterally compressed, panicled or racemed, sometimes solitary, pedicelled; rhachilla disarticulating below the valves, more or less obscurely produced. Florets 3; lower two reduced to empty valves, uppermost \(\noting\). Glumes persistent, membranous. Valves 3, heteromorphous; the lower two empty, usually exceeding the glumes, more or less cartilaginous, often bearded, and the upper with a callous appendage at the base, awnless or awned; the uppermost fertile, smaller, thinner, awnless, sometimes with a knob-like appendage at the base forming a hinge with the appendage of the upper empty valve. Pale narrow, keeled, finely 2-nerved, nerves very close. Lodicules 2. Stamens 6 or 3, very rarely 1. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas plumose or brush-like, exserted above the base. Grain elliptic, much compressed; hilum a fine line almost as long as the grain; embryo about one-fifth of the grain.

Perennials or annuals of very varied habit, sometimes bulbous at the base or suffrutescent; blades flat or convolute, sometimes much reduced or suppressed; ligules membranous, usually short or reduced to a narrow rim; panicle or racemes sometimes very

scanty or even reduced to solitary spikelets.

E. erecta, Lam.

Houtboschberg, Burtt-Davy 5120; Rietvlei, Belfast, in shaded donga, Burtt-Davy 1244.

XLV. PHALARIS, Linn. (204).

Spikelets laterally compressed, in contracted, more or less spike-like, panicles; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, not or obscurely produced beyond the terminal floret. Florets 3: the lower two minute, rudimentary, the uppermost \u2215, enclosed by the glumes. Glumes subequal, boat-shaped, keeled, keel often winged. Empty valves very small, subulate to lanceolate, membranous, with a callous base, or one or both reduced to a minute callous scale; fertile valve thin, ultimately rigid, 5-nerved, awnless, ovate, acute. Pale almost as long as the valve, 2-nerved (sometimes obscurely). Lodicules 2, hyaline. Stamens 3. Styles long, distinct. Stigmas plumose, exserted from the top of the spikelet. Grain much compressed, ovate, free, enclosed by the valve and pale; hilum oblong, short; embryo equalling one-fourth the length of the grain.

Annuals or perennials; leaves flat; panicle terminal, stiff, spike-like, subcapitate or

interrupted and lobed; pedicels very short.

P. minor, Retz.

Kolonies Plaats, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 9095.

Introduced with agricultural seeds.

P. arundinacea, Linn.

Wemmershoek, Lydenburg District, Burtt-Davy 7692; Vlakfontein, near

Amersfoort, Burtt-Davy 4063.

Reed canary grass. "Makes good hay if cut before flowering."—Burtt-Davy.

P. canariensis, L.

Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 792; Brugsprut, Middelburg, Cooper in Nat. Herb. H. 4165; Zeerust, Marico, Frost in Nat. Herb. 6041; Beginsel, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 3154.

Canary grass; introduced.

P. paradoxa, Linn. (Sp. Pl., ed. II, 1665).

Onderstepoort, Pretoria, Parkes in Nat. Herb. H. 4998; De Kroon, Brits, Rustenburg District, Ras in Nat. Herb. H. 5982.

An annual weed—not very common.

XLVI. ANTHOXANTHUM, Linn. (205).

Spikelets oblong to narrow-lanceolate, slightly laterally compressed; rhachilla disarticulating above the upper glume, not produced beyond the uppermost floret. Florets 3, heteromorphous, the lower two β or barren, the terminal ξ . Glumes persistent, membranous, 1–3-nerved, keeled, acuminate; upper longer. Lower two valves equal and very similar, oblong, emarginate, membranous, strongly laterally compressed, 5–7-nerved, keeled, hairy, awned, awn of the lower valve short, from a third-half way below the tip, of the upper longer, kneed, from near the base, rarely from the middle; terminal valve much shorter than the lower two, broadly elliptic, very thin, delicately 7–1-nerved. Pales of the lower two florets, if present, 2-keeled, of the terminal 1-nerved. Lodicules 0. Stamens 3 in the β , 2 in the ξ florets. Styles distinct, long. Stigmas long, exserted from the top of the spikelet, plumose. Grain ovoid, slightly laterally compressed; hilum punctiform; embryo quarter the length of the grain.

Perennial or annual; blades flat, usually flaccid; panicle slender, very narrow or

spike-like, sometimes reduced to scanty racemes; sweet-scented.

A. odoratum, L.

Lions Glen, Amsterdam, Ermelo District, Buchanan in Nat. Herb. H. 6152. "Sweet vernal"; probably an escape from cultivation.

XLVII. ARISTIDA, Linn. (208).

Spikelets 1-flowered, narrow, panicled, thachilla disarticulating above the glume, not produced. Glumes usually persistent, narrow, 1-3-nerved, muticous or mucronate, awnless. Valve convolute, cylindric or oblong-cylindric, 3-nerved, awned rather rigid, tips gradually tapering or minutely bilobed, sometimes jointed at or above the middle; callus villous, shortly bearded, usually pungent; awn nearly always 3-partite from the base or above the

simple base (stipitate), very rarely simple, continuous with the valve or disarticulating from it or deciduous with a portion of the valve, foot straight or twisted bristles plumose or the lateral or all naked. Pale small, oblong, 2-nerved or nerveless. Lodicules 2, finely nerved. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain slender, cylindric or oblong-cylindric, terete, sometimes grooved, tightly embraced by the valve; hilum linear, almost as long as the grain; embryo short or long.

Annual or more often perennial; tufted, usually with more or less wiry culms; blades narrow, usually convolute; ligule usually a line of very short hairs; panicle varying from

spike-like to effuse.

A. adscensionis, L.

Bushveld, Pretoria, Reck in Nat. Herb. H. 185; Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2246; Wonderboompoort, Pretoria, Mogg in Nat. Herb. H. 9940; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8892.

A. scabrivalvis, Hack.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 3379; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 427; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4429; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8891.

A. junciformis, Trin. & Rupr.

Arcadia, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 7494; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Gulpin M. 426, 423; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21135; Billy's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9267; Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. H. 5913, H. 994; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9185; Christiana, Bloemhof, Eurtt-

Davy 13057, 14146.

Some of the species quoted above have been distributed as A. angustata, Stapf, but after careful examination of all our material I can find no constant characters on which to separate the two species A. junciformis and A. angustata. The slight compression of the culms is more noticable in some specimens than in others, but is not correlated with other distinctive characters. The length of the awns is variable as is also the character of the glumes. I find long mucronate and almost emucronate glumes on the same plant. The inconspicuous nodes of the sheaths, with the swollen and often protruding culm nodes, seems to be a fairly constant character in individual plants and is often correlated with much-branched culms, but not always. I have not seen Stapf's type of A. angustata, but Galpin 6901, from Maclear, Cape Province, which is identified as that species ard which identification (according to the label) has been confirmed by Stapf, has these same characteristic nodes.

A. sciurus, Stapf.
Waterval Boven, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1418 and 1449; between Machadadorp and Carolina, Mundy in Nat. Herb. H. 4292A.

A. Burkei, Stapf.
Klerksdorp, Potchefstroom, Weeber in Nat. Herb. H. 5648; Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21121; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9161 and 9184; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 13030.

A. bipartita, Rupr. & Trin. Waterval Boven, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1443B; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9125.

A. congesta, Roem. & Schult.

Johannesburg, Bryant D. 47; Germiston, near Johannesburg, Fenn in Nat.

Herb. H. 8703; Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. H. 5914; Crocodile
River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 9302; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg,
Galpin M. 421; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1112; Zoutpansberg,
Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 4662; Smitskraal, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 10368; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1654.

A. barbicollis, Trin. & Rupr.

Arcadia, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3928; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 4519; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 422; downs, Zoutpansberg, open veld, Junod 4078; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 13031.

A. sieberiana, Trin.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 425; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 13030A.

A. vestita, Thunb.

Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4514; Billy's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy

A. spectabilis, Hack.

Kuduspoort, Pretoria District, Rehmann 4695*.

There is nothing in the National Herbarium that agrees with Hackel's description of this species, and I have not seen Rehmann's specimen on which he founded it.

A. sp.

Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. 2407.

This resembles Aristida stipoides, var. meridionalis, Stapf, ex descr., but the spikelets are dark purple brown and the lower sheaths densely coated with fugacious wool.

A. stipoides, Lam.

Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8890.

A. uniplumis, Licht.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 424; Schweizer Rencke, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 1627; near Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Lavy 12975, 10123.

XLVIII. ORYZOPSIS, Mich. (210).

Spikelets ovoid or lanceolate, usually awned, loosely panicled; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, not continued beyond the floret. Floret 1, \u2225, shorter than the glumes. Glumes equal or subequal, persistent, usually acute or subacuminate, thin, 3-9-nerved, side nerves often very short. Valve convolute, more or less flattered from the back, ovate to obovate or lanceolate, 5- (very rarely 3-) nerved, rather rigidly membranous to coriaceous, tips obscurely 2-lobed; callus very short and broad, obtuse; awn, if present, from the minute sinus of the tip, jointed on the valve and easily deciduous, bristle-like, naked. Pale almost as long as the valve or rather shorter, 2-nerved. Lodicules 2, rarely 3, hyaline. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain tightly enclosed by the hardened valve and pale, oblorg, ovoid or ellipsoid, or obovoid, terete; embryo small; hilum filiform, shorter than the grain, often obscure.

Perennial; tufted; blades linear, usually long, flat, flaccid; ligules membranous; panicles effuse, or more or less contracted, always very lax, often nodding.

0. sp.

Malta, in gorge, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4432.

XLIX. PSEUDOBROMUS, K. Schum. (216).

Spikelets lanceolate, scarcely compressed, pedicelled, panicled; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, produced beyond the base of the floret into a fine bristle. Floret 1, \$\overline{\pi}\$, exserted from the glumes. Glumes persistent, slightly unequal, lanceolate to oblong, 1-3-nerved. Valve lanceolate in profile, rounded on the back, involute, passing into a straight awn or with the awn subterminal, subherbaceous, 3-nerved; callus very short, obtuse, glabrous. Pale equalling the valve, 2-keeled, entire. Lodicules 2, hyaline, unequally

2-lobed. Stamens 3. Ovary oblong, pubescent at the top. Styles distinct, very short. Stigmas slender, plumose, laterally exserted. Grain unknown.

Perennial; blades flat, broad-linear, flaccid; ligules membranous; panicle large,

lax, nodding.

P. africanus, Stapf.

Houtbosch, Rehmann, 5732*.

L. **SPOROBOLUS,** R. Br. (230).

Spikelets usually very small, variously panicled, continuous on the pedicels; rhachilla more or less readily disarticulating above the glumes, not continued, or very rarely produced into a bristle. Floret 1, \(\breve{\psi}\). Glumes 2, delicately membranous, lower usually smaller, nerveless, upper 1-nerved, falling away one after the other. Valve more or less resembling the upper glume, 1-nerved or more or less distinctly 3-nerved. Pale usually almost as lor g as the valve, 2-nerved, folded between the nerves, often split by the maturing grain. Lodicules 2, small, broadly cuneate, glabrous, thin. Stamens 3, rarely 2. Ovary glabrous. Styles short, distinct, terminal. Stigmas plumose or subaspergilliform. Grain free, falling out or retained and dehiscing; pericarp thin, usually swelling in water, rigid, dehiscing, or the inner layers mucilaginous when wetted, and adherent, or the whole pericarp adnate and indistinct; hilum small, punctiform, basal; embryo rather large.

Annuals or perennials of various habit; ligules reduced to a ciliate or ciliolate rim; panicles contracted to spike-like, or more or less open, sometimes extremely lax; spikelets

mostly 1 lin. long.

S. festivus, var. stuppens, Stapf.

Pretoria District, Claremont, Kresfelder in Nat. Herb. H. 20834; Wonderboom, Burtt-Davy 3343, 7148, 2683; Irene, Burtt-Davy 14656; Pole Evans 220 ard in Nat. Herb. H. 21223; Johannesburg, Burtt-Davy 7296; Marikana, Rustenburg District, Burtt-Davy 161; near Nylstroom, Waterberg District, Burtt-Davy 2023, 2068.

- S. festivus, Hochst., var. fibrosus, Stapf [Chevalier in Sudania, 142, 155 (1911)]. Springbok Flats, Waterberg District, Burtt-Davy 1111.
- S. discosporus, Nees.

Pretoria District, Kaalfontein, Mogg 3740; Irene, Burtt-Davy 14657; Bloemhof District, near Christiana, Burtt-Davy 11409, 12778, 11389, 11233.

S. Ludwigii, Hochst.

Christiana, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 12809, 12950, 12498.

S. centrifugus, Nees.

Spionkop, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. H. 9236; between Machadodorp and Carolina, Mundy in Nat. Herb. H. 4286.

S. fimbriatus, Nees.

Near Machavie Station, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1476; Schweizer Rencke, Burtt-Davy 1684, 1636, 1691; Fourteen Streams, Blocmhof, Burtt-Davy 1580; Kaffraria, Christiana, Burtt-Davy 14160, 12765, 13054, 12758, 13090.

Var. latifolia, Stent, var. nov., a more robust form, with usually broader and longer panicles and flat glaucous leaves up to 12 mm. broad = Sporobolus Rehmanni, Hack. (in part).

Boschveld, at Klippan, Rehmann 5373 (in Herb. Alb. Mus.); Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 460, 461; Hamanskraal, Pretoria District, Burtt-

Davy 1086.

The type occurs freely in the dry and sandy regions of the grass and thorn veld of the southern and south-western portions of the Transvaal. It is plentiful in association with *Eragrostis* spp. in parts of Bechuanaland and on the high veld.

Plate VII. Sporobolus Smutsii, Stent.

A, Lower glume; B, Upper glume; C, Valve; D, Pale (flattened out); E, Pistil and stamens; F, Ligule.

The variety is a bushveld form that also occurs in Natal and probably extends north

into the tropical regions.

Rehmann's 5373, on which Hackel founded this species (S. Rehmannii), has hairy leaves and a narrow panicle. I have seen no other specimen like it. Stapf (in Dyer, Flor. Cap., VII, 585) has kept S. Rehmannii as a distinct species and has amplified Hackel's description to include all the glabrous broad-leaved forms of the bushveld and Natal. Critical examination of a number of specimens ranging from S. fimbriatus sensu stricto through all variation; of width of leaf and panicle to the broad-leafed and robust form of the bushveld, has convinced me that this latter is only a climatic and edaphic variety of S. fimbriatus.

A very early grass, useful for spring grazing.

S. indicus, R. Br., var. laxus, Stapf.

Johannesburg, common along roadsides, Bryant B. 23; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 2955; Sterk Hill, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 478.

The type apparently does not occur within the limits of the Transvaal.

S. pyramidalis, Kunth. (Flore d'Oware, ii, p. 36).

Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1137; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 458; Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 414.

S. robustus, Kunth. (Rev. Gram., ii, p. 425).

Messina, Zoutpansberg, Pole Evans in Nat. Herb. H. 13113.

S. pectinatus, Hack. (Oestern. Bet. Zeitschr., L. iii, 198).

Derdepoort, Pretoria, Fouche 302; near Observatory, Johannesburg, Burtt-Davy 3097; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 2990 and 7736; Zoutpansberg, downs, open veld, Junod 4091.

S. Smutsii, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne; culmi decumbentes ascendentes, glabri, pluribus nodis saepe ramati; radicibus e nodis brevibus inferioribus. Innovationes steriles, saepe longae, plures atque breviter nodatae, foliatae; foliorum vaginae firmae, carinatae, arctae, glabrae, ore barbato marginibusque ciliates exceptis, vel setis e tuberculis inspersae, tenuiter striatae; margines

crassi, cartilaginosi, pectinatique.

Panicula erecta, ovata, lanceolata, acuta (raro constricta spiciformaque), 2-4 cm. lata, 8-10 cm. longa. Rami verticillati vel superiores ± inspersi; infimi ad 3.5 cm. longi, nudi a base ·5-1·25 cm., plerumque ascendentes; superiores patenter ascendentes. Ramuli breves, ad 3 mm. longi, ± secundi, appressi. Pedicelli brevissimi. Spiculae 1.7-2 mm. longae, ablongae, obtusae; gluma inferior parva · 6 mm. longa, enerva, obtusa; superior spiculam aequans, 1-nerva, acuta vel sub-acuta, navicularis carina obtusa; valva glumae superioris similis, sub-acuta, 1-nerva; palea extensa truncata; antherae 3, 1·25 mm. longae; lodiculae truncatae, minutae.

Rooikop, Bushveld, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 590, 271, 536, 556; Leeuw-

kraal, Pole Evans 668.

A very characteristic grass, with its decumbent ascending habit and short, broad, flat leaves on leafy runners. Dr. Pole Evans reports it as being very plentiful on the adjoining farms Rooikop and Leeuwkraal, but it has, so far, not been reported from any other locality.

It has little agricultural value.

S. nitens, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne, rhizomata obliquo. Culmi erecti vel prostrati ascendentes saepe radicibus ramisque e nodis inferioribus, coarcti, glabri, nitentes, 1-2 nodis, 13-30 cm. longi. Foliorum vaginae arctae, strictae, laeves, glabrae, praeter margines saepe ciliatos, vaginae basis breviores compressae, pallidae, firmissimae, nitentes, persistentes; liquia corona densa pilorum formata; laminae ad 6 cm. longae, 7 mm. latae, basis rotundatae et plus minus amplectentes, apicem obtusum vel subacutam versus attenuatae, planae, firmissimae, tenuiterque striatae; glabrae, vel paucis setis e tuberculis ortis inspersa, marginibus cartilaginis minute pectinata ciliatis. Panicula ovata ad lanceolata, 6-10 cm. longa,



Plate VIII. Sporobolus nitens, Stent.

A, Lower glume; B, Upper glume; C, Valve; D, Pale; E, Pistil and stamens; F, Caryops.

 $2\cdot 5-4$ cm. lata. Rami infimis verticillati ascendentesque, raro pauci vel omnes patentes, ceteri solitarii, vel binati, racho spirale depositi, per $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{3}{4}$ longitudinis indivisi, rami supremi brevissimi, e basi divisi, excepti; ramuli brevissimi, plus minus secundi, appressi 1-5 spiculati; pedicelli brevissimi. Spiculae 1-5 mm. longa; gluma inferior ablorga, lanccolata, acuta, vel sub-acuta, enervis, 1 mm. longa; gluma superior 1·5 mm. longa, ovato-acuminata, valide uninerva, carina minute pectinato, ciliata; ralva glumam superiorem equale, vel pauce longior; valide uninerva, acute acuminata, laeva; palea valvam equale, lata, apicem bilobum versus attenuata, mix ad basim findata; antherae 3, rubescentes, circa ·4 mm. longae; lodiculae ovatae, parvissimae; caryopsis ovata, vel rotundata; pericarpium in aquam tumentum.

In the plain at the foot of the Magaliesberg Mountains, Schlecht 3679; Rooikop Bushveld, Pretoria District, Pole Evans 667; Gezina, Pretoria, Fouche and Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21445; between Warmbaths and Nylstroom, Pole Evans 691.

Near to S. Smutsii, from which it differs in the hard, shining, lower sheaths, the spiral arrangement of the branches of the panicle, the densely contracted and spike-like tips of the panicle and of the branches—and the distinctly and acutely bilobed tip to the pale. Useful as a crop for sheep, but otherwise of little agricultural value.

LI. AGROSTIS, Linn. (242).

Spikelets from less than 1 lin. to $2\frac{1}{2}$ lin. long, panicled; rhachilla not continued beyond the floret or produced into a minute point or short delicate bristle, glabrous or shortly hairy. Floret 1, 5, shorter than the glumes. Glumes equal or sub-equal, usually lanceolate and acute, rarely oblong and obtuse, awnless, membranous, usually 1-nerved, keeled. Valve broadly oblong, delicately membranous, glabrous or hairy, usually truncate, 5-(rarely 3-) nerved, awned from the back or awnless; side-nerves evanescent below, often excurrent into fine mucros or bristles; callus very small, glabrous or minutely hairy or rarely bearded. Pale delicate, hyaline, usually shorter than the valve or very short or obsolete, 2-nerved or nerveless. Lodicules 2, lanceolate, delicately hyaline. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, very short. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain free, enclosed in the scarcely altered floret, oblong, more or less dorsally compressed, grooved in front, rarely subterete; embryo short; hilum punctiform, basal.

Annuals and perennials, of varying habit; blades usually flat, often flaccid; ligules membranous; panicle usually much divided, often delicate, more or less effuse or contracted, rarely spike-like; branches and branchlets fine to very fine; spikelets usually very numerous, much gaping, at least, temporarily.

A. natalensis, Stapf.

Spionkop, Ermelo District, Burtt-Davy 9232; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1328, 1277.

A. lacnantha, Nees.

Hartebeestnek, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 770; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 4165; Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Mundy in Nat. Herb. H. 4283; Lyderburg, along water-courses, Burtt-Davy 415; Wonderfontein, Marico, Burtt-Davy 7591; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1765.

A. suavis, Stapf (Kew Bull., 1908, 227). Spionkop, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9235.

LII. CALAMAGROSTIS, Roth. (247).

Spikelets very narrow, lanceolate, acuminate, in contracted much-divided panicles; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, not, or very shortly, continued beyord the floret. Floret 1, \$\psi\$, much shorter than the glumes. Glumes equal or subequal, very narrow, linear-lanceolate, acuminate, membranous keeled. lower 1-nerved, upper 3-nerved. Valve narrow, lanceolate in profile, membranous, glabrous, more or less shortly bifid,

5-3-nerved with a fine short dorsal, rarely subterminal, awn; callus small, long hairy, hairs usually much exceeding the valve. Pale 2-nerved, as long as the valve or somewhat shorter. Lodicules 2, hyaline. Anthers 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain enclosed by the hardly changed valve and pale, free, subterete; hilum basal, small; embryo small.

Perennial, usually rather robust; blades long, linear, flat; ligules scarious; panicle more or less contracted, narrow rather dense, with much-divided branches, and short

branchlets and pedicels; florets surrounded by long fine hairs.

C. epigeios, Rott., var. capensis, Stapf.

Lichtenburg, Burtt-Davy 62A; Doornkloof, Irene, Pole Evans 336.

LIII. HOLCUS, Linn. (257).

Spikelets in rather dense, oblong, or interrupted panicles, laterally compressed, disarticulating from the tips of the pedicels; rhachilla slightly produced beyond the upper floret, disarticulating more or less readily below the valves; joints slender, lower curved and often appendaged. Florets 2; lower \$\noting\$, upper usually \$\noting\$, sometimes \$\noting\$ or barren. Glumes 2, membranous, keeled, acute or acuminate, lower 1-nerved, upper 3-nerved, sometimes awned. Valves shorter than the glumes, characteous, very obscurely 5-3-nerved, lower awnless, upper awned. Pales narrow, 2-keeled. Lodicules 2, delicate. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain laterally compressed, enclosed by the valve and pale and often adhering to the latter, soft; hilum short; embryo small.

Annual or perennial; blades flat or convolute when dry; panicle usually more or less

contracted, sometimes almost spike-like; spikelets deciduous, pallid.

H. lanatus, L.

Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5471; Broederstroom Orchards, Haenertsberg, Zoutpansberg, Reineke in Nat. Herb. H. 9763. Yorkshire Fog—probably an escape from cultivation.

LIV. AVENASTRUM, Jess. (275).

Spikelets usually erect or sub-erect, rarely nodding, medium-sized (4-7 lin, long, rarely less or more), in nearly always erect, often stiff panicles; rhachilla more or less long-hairy, disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves, produced into a short bristle beyond the uppermost floret or ending with a rudimentary valve. Florets 3-6, \u2225, or the uppermost more or less reduced. Glumes 2, persistent, scarious, more or less unequal, acute or acuminate, more or less distinctly keeled, lower 1-nerved or 3-nerved, upper 3-(very rarely 5- to sub-7-) nerved. Valves usually distinctly exserted from the glumes, more or less herbaceous, with scarious or hyaline tips, often rather firm, acute, or acuminate, bifid, with or without bristles from the lobes, 5-9-nerved, awned; awn dorsal from the middle or slightly above it, kneed and twisted below; callus short or elongate, villous. Pales shorter than the valves, 2-keeled, 2-toothed, or bifid. Lodicules 2, rather large, hyaline. Stamens 3 Ovary hairy from the middle upwards or at the top only. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas laterally exserted, plumose. Grain oblong, slightly laterally compressed, usually grooved in front, hairy at the top, pallid, rather soft, embraced by the somewhat hardened valve and the pale; hilum linear, up to half the length of the grain; embryo small.

Perennial, caespitose; blades linear, usually narrow, flat, or convolute; often setaceous

ligules hyaline; panicle narrow, erect, often stiff, rarely flaccid or expanded.

A. turgidulum, Stapf.

Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 4363; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 5591; Vlakfontein, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4154.

LV. TRISTACHYA, Nees. (277).

Spikelets 5 lin. to 2 lin. long, lanceolate to linear, sessile or shortly pedicelled in clusters of three at the tips of the branches of a raceme or panicle; rhachilla disarticulating between the valves and less readily or imperfectly below them, glabrous, not produced beyord the upper floret. Florets 2, heteromorphous; lower 3, upper \u2202. Glumes persistent, membranous or sub-coriaceous, more or less unequal, 3-nerved, glabrous or bristly from black glands. Lower valve membranous, 3-nerved or 5-9-nerved, with some of the nerves much shorter than the others; upper valve convolute, membranous, or ultimately cartilaginous, bifid, 7- (rarely 5-) nerved, awned from between the lobes; awn kneed, twisted below. Pales membranous, hyaline, 2-keeled. Lodicules 2, cuneate, very fleshy. Stamens 3. Ovary obovoid to oblong, glabrous or the top hairy, rudimentary in the 3 floret. Stigmas plumose, long, laterally exserted. Grain obovoid to linear-oblong, grooved, tightly embraced by the valve and pale, free; hilum linear, long; embryo large; albumen very hard.

Perennial; generally coarse grasses, growing mostly in compact tufts; leaves rigid; ligule a line of hairs; triplets of spikelets large and few in racemes, or smaller ard more numerous in scantily branched panicles, sometimes deciduous from the jointed peduncles

T. Rehmanni, Nees.

Eloff's Plantation, Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5442; near Observatory, Johannesburg, Burtt-Davy 4000 and 7491; Billy's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9222; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1341; Bloemhof, Theunissen in Nat. Herb. H. 7871.

T. pallida, Stent, n. sp.

Gramen perenne. Culmi erecti ad 64 cm. alti, fasciculati e rhizomata abliquam, graciles, 2-nodi, glabri vel parte inferiore tenuiter hirsuta, nodis pubescentebus et saepe

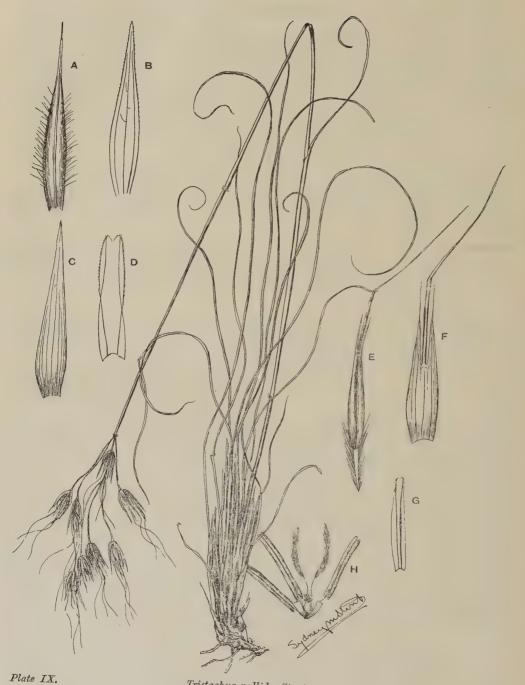
barbatis, innovationes intravaginales.

Folia plerumque a basem nata, culmos fere basim inflorescentae condentia; raginae glabrae, vel sparse hirsutae, base dense tomentosae, superiores; arctae argustacque, inferiores latiores tandem solutae et patentes, tenuiter striatae, laevae, plerun que oribus longe hirsutae. Laminae angustae, arcte-involutae, et saepe convolutae, glabrae vel albido-hirsutae, scaberulae, pallido glaucae, illae innovationum ad 34 cm. lorgae, 1.5 mm. latae; apice filiformo. Panicula contracta, ad 8 cm. longa, nodo infimo villoso; rami curvati, ascendentes, simplices, infimi verticillati, sequentes solitarii, vel rato binati; triade spicularum terminati. Gluma inferior lanccolata acuminata rigida, mucrorata, 21 mm. longa, firmiter 3-nerva, nervi exteriores marginesque ordines duas setas e tuberculis nigris ferentes. Gluma superior glumam inferioram acqualis, sed ternior, mutica, glabra firmiter 3-nervata, nervis scaberulis. Anthoecium inferum &; valva 15 mm. lorga, lanceolata, acuminata, glabra, 7-nervis nervi scabri, interiores brevissimi, exteriores contigui; palea 8 mm. longa, biloba, lobi obtusis, minute ciliatis; carinis validis, minute ciliatis; antherae ad 4.5 mm. longae; lodiculae cuneatae, .5 mm. longae, carrosse. Anthoecium superum &; valva ovata lanceolata, biloba, 5-nerva, 7 mm. lorga apice callo ad basim aristae, pubescente; lobi 2-3-nervis, 2 mm. lorgi, setis 5 mm. lorgis, arista 3.5 cm. longa, geniculata; callum acutum longe barbartum; palea angusta, obtusorotundata, vel subtruncata, carinae anguste alatae; caryopsis oblonga, apice hirsuta; antherae lodiculaeque eas in anthoecia inferes similis.

Pietersburg, Capt. Goument in Nat. Herb. H. 21318; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, upper slopes of granite mountains, Galpin 8893; Pretoria,

Schlechter 3587.

Near to T. biseriata, Stapf (ex descr.), from which it differs in the 2-noded culms, the glabrous upper glume and lower valve, the 2-nerved lobes to the upper valve and the lack of a callous line at base of awn, and other minor points. I have not seen Brehanan 220, on which Stapf founded his T. biseriata, nor any other specimen that would correspond to his description of that species.



A, Lower glume; B, Upper glume; C, Lower valve; D, Pale; E, Upper floret; F, Upper valve; G, Pale; H, Pistil, stamens, and lodicules.

T. leucothrix, Trin.

Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3547; Barberton Mountains, Burtt-Davy 338; Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7448; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1324; Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 3146; Blesbokspruit, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 949; Vlakfontein, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 9052; Athol, Wakkerstroom, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 104.

T. pedicellata, Stent (in Bothalia, I, iii).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 428; Warmbaths, Baylis in Nat. Herb. 4350; Burtt-Davy 1154.

LVI. TRICHOPTERYX, Nees. (278).

Spikelets usually 2–18 lin. long, more or less lanceolate to linear, pedicelled, panicled; rhachilla disarticulating between (and less readily below) the valves, glabrous, not produced beyond the upper floret. Florets 2, heteromorphous; lower 3, rarely barren; upper \$\neq\$. Glumes persistent, membranous or subcoriaceous, unequal, 3- (very rarely 4-6-) nerved, glabrous or bristly from black glands. Lower valve membranous 3- (very rarely 7-) nerved, with the innermost side nerves much shorter; upper valve terete, membranous to cartilaginous, shortly bifid with the lobes sometimes produced into bristles, 5–9-nerved; awn from between the lobes, kneed, twisted below. Pales membranous, 2-keeled, narrower in the \$\neq\$ floret and channelled between the stout keels. Lodicules 2, cuneate, usually very fleshy. Stamens 2, rarely 3, or 0 in the lower floret. Ovary oblong, glabrous, rudimentary in the \$\neq\$ floret. Styles distinct, glabrous. Stigmas plumose, long, laterally exserted. Grain obovoid to linear-oblong, grooved or almost terete, tightly embraced by its valve and pale, free; hilum linear, long; embryo large; albumen very hard.

Perennial, rarely annual grasses of very different habit; leaves more or less rigid; ligules a line of hairs; spikelets slender, from 2 lin. to $1\frac{1}{2}$ lin. long, scattered in mostly

'contracted, narrow panicles.

T. simplex, Hack.

The Willows, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 7486; Johannesburg, Burtt-Davy 7492, Bryant C. 38; Waterval Boven, Burtt-Davy 1426.

Var. crinita, Stapf.

Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5503; Spionkop, Burtt-Davy 9230; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1342.

Var. sericea, Stapf.

Waterval Boven, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 1439, Burtt-Davy 2983; Machadadorp, Mundy in Nat. Herb. H. 4286; Billy's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9201.

T. flavida, Stapf.

Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5429, 5407, 5413, 54531; Schlechter 3606; Johannesburg, Observatory Ridge, Burtt-Davy 3093.

T. sp. A.

Waterval Boven, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 1426, 1408; downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4082.

A tropical species with quite glabrous spikelets, broadly truncate lower glume—a rather short, delicate, and obscurely nerved fertile valve.

"Very much spread over the veld; bad food for cattle."—Junod.

LVII. MICROCHLOA, R. Br. (281).

Spikelets 1-2-flowered, small, sessile, crowded, unilateral on a flattened rhachis, alternately 2-seriate from near the margins of the rhachis or in a single row; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, more or less produced. Floret hermaphrodite, or if 2, the lower hermophrodite, the upper male or indicated by an empty valve. Glumes 2, persistent or (particularly the upper) deciduous, strongly 1-nerved, flattened from the

back or keeled, subequal. Valve shorter than the glumes, delicate, white, minutely or obscurely mucronulate or emarginate, 3-nerved, densely hairy along the nerves (if 2, the upper glabrous); callus small, acute, hairy. Pale slightly shorter than the valve or almost equal, 2-keeled. Lodicules 2, cuneate, glabrous, thin, faintly nerved. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous (quite suppressed in the upper floret). Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain oblong, terete, triquetrous, or compressed, embraced by the uncharged valve and pale, free; hilum punctiform; embryo equalling quarter to half the length of the grain.

Perennial, rarely annual, sometimes densely tufted; leaves narrow, often subsetaceous; ligules reduced to a minutely ciliolate rim; spikes solitary, terminal (in the

African species) or 2-4 in a terminal umbel, straight or curved.

M. setacea, R. Br.

Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5476; Houtbosch, Schlechter 4697; Sabie Falls, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1550a; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1287a; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1225; Christiana, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 1392, 14099, 14133, 12781.

M. caffra, Nees.

The Willows Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4483; Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3859; near Robinsons, Carolina District, Burtt-Davy 2720; Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7377; Athol, Ermelo, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 94.

This species differs from the preceeding (ex descr. by Stapf in Dyer, Flor. Cap.) in the size of the spikelets and in the shape of the valve, and on these characters I have temporarily based my identifications. I have not seen R. Brown's original description of M. setacea, nor have I seen the type-material of either species. The differences between the two grasses are so slight that it may seem advisable, when I have had an opportunity of examining the types, to place them all under one species.

M. altera, Stapf, var. Nelsonii, Stapf. Spionkop, Ermelo District, Burtt-Davy 9243.

LVIII. CYNODON, Pers. (282).

Spikelets 1-flowered, small, laterally compressed, sessile imbricate, alternately 2-seriate and unilateral on a slender keeled rhachis; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, produced, or not, beyond the valve. Floret hermaphrodite. Glumes narrow, keeled, acute or subulate-mucronate, the upper usually deciduous with the valve, the lower subpersistent. Valve exceeding the glumes, navicular, firmly membranous, 3-nerved, awnless, keel ciliate. Pale somewhat shorter than the valve, 2-keeled. Lodicules 2, minute, obovate-cuneate, glabrous. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, slightly shorter than the plumose styles. Grain oblong, subterete; embryo about third the length of the grain; hilum linear, two-thirds the length of the grain.

Perennial; stems creeping, rooting at the nodes and emitting from them fascicles of

barren shoots and flowering culms; spikes 2-6 in terminal umbels.

C. dactylon, Pers.

Pretoria, Mogg in Nat. Herb. H. 16950; Germiston, Johannesburg, Fenn in Nat. Herb. H. 8746; Komatipoort, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 368; Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2086; bushveld, Pretoria, S. Reck in Nat. Herb. H. 3533; downs, open veld, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4101; Pilgrims Rest, Lydenburg, Legat in Nat. Herb. H. 1585; Lichtenburg, Burtt-Davy 58; Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1634; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14094, etc.

"Bermuda quick." "Regte kweek," a cosmopolitan weed.

C. incompletus, Nees.

Helvetia, near Machadodorp, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 7245; New Agatha, Zoutpansberg, Burtt-Davy 1214; Spionkop, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9262; near Morgenzon, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 1011; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 2713; banks of the Vaal River, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1516; Vierfontein, Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1635.

Indigenous to South Africa. An excellent lawn grass.

C. transvaalensis, Burtt-Davy (in "Kew Bulletin," 1921, 283)
Burger's Park, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. 10798, 10799; Houghton Estate, Johannesburg, Bryant C. 10; Uitval, Vereeniging, Turner in Nat. Herb. 21224;

Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9270.

There is no doubt that all the above specimens belong to the grass described by Mr. Burtt-Davy as Cynodon transvaalensis, but at least two of the characters on which he relies to separate it from C. dactylon are nor constant. The distachyous inflorescence, while being certainly the most common form of inflorescence, is often replaced by a tri- and occasionally quadri-stachyous inflorescence, and the valves vary from eciliate to pronouncedly, though usually appressedly, ciliate. The delicate fine habit of the grass, with its slender stolons and culms and soft, narrow, and rather short leaves, renders it quite distinct from even fine-leaved forms of C. dactylon. It is one of the best grasses of the country for bowling greens, etc., making a smooth, compact, and beautifully green turf. To horticulturists it is usually known as Germiston or Florida grass.

LIX. HARPECHLOA, Kunth. (285).

Spikelets of 3-4 florets, sessile, crowded, unilateral, alternately biseriate along the midrib of a flattened rhachis; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, continuous between the valves, the lower floret hermaphrodite, the following 1 or 2 male, the uppermost barren, rudimentary. Glumes unequal, the lower persistent, keeled, very thin, 1-nerved, the upper much longer, oblong, flattened on the back, 2-3-nerved, firm. Hermaphrodite floret about equalling the upper glume. Valve folded, obliquely oblong in profile, obtuse, white, thin, 3-nerved, densely ciliate along the nerves; callus obscure. Pale slightly shorter, 2-keeled. Lodicules cuneate, fleshy, almost 2-winged. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct. Stigmas slender, plumose, laterally exserted. Upper florets crowded in a club-shaped body, not exceeding the hermaphrodite floret, enveloped by the valve of the lower male floret; valves 2-nerved or with a trace of the middle nerve near the apex, ciliolate or glabrous; pales 2-nerved; stamens 3 or 0; ovary usually quite sup-Grain free, embraced by the unchanged valve and pale, oblong, obtusely triquetrous; embryo half the length of the grain; hilum punctiform, basal.

Perennial, densely caespitose; leaves firm, folded or convolute above, more or less

curved; spikes terminal, solitary, rarely geminate, dark olive-grey.

H. capensis, Kunth.

Houghton Estate, Johannesburg, Bryant C. 12; Barberton Mountains, Burtt-Davy 339; Zoutpansberg, Worsdall in Nat. Herb. H. 5919; Volksrust, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 5350; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 3909, 948; Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 9051.

LX. CTENIUM, Panz. (286).

Spikelets of 3-4 florets, sessile, compactly crowded, unilateral, alternately biseriate along the midrib of the flattened rhachis; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, continuous between the valves, the lower two florets barren or the second male, the third hermaphrodite, the fourth male or barren, or quite rudimentary. Glumes unequal, the lower persistent, keeled, thin, 1-nerved, the upper much longer, oblong to lanceolate, flattened or rounded on the back, firm, 2-3-nerved, with a stiff awn from the middle. Valves oblong in profile, obtuse, 3-nerved, awned just below the tips, ciliate along the nerves or the uppermost glabrous, white, thin. Pales slightly shorter, 2-keeled or 2-nerved. Lodicules 2, quadrate-cuneate, delicate, faintly nerved. Stamens, three in the hermaphrodite, two in the male florets. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct. Stigmas slender, long, laterally exserted. Grain free, embraced by the unchanged valve and pale, oblong; embryo up to half the length of the grain; hilum basal, punctiform.

Perennial, densely tufted, rarely annual; leaves narrow, flat, or convolute; spikes terminal, solitary or in umbels of 2-3, usually curved; spikelets prettily pectinate and

awned.

C. concinnum, Nees.

Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5480; Billy's Vlei, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9218, 9226; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9369, 613; Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. H. 4332; Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7331, 2959; Panplaats, Pan Station, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13320, 13289; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1340.

LXI. CHLORIS, Swartz. (288).

Spikelets of 2-4 florets, sessile, crowded, unilateral, 2-seriate on a slender rhachis; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, tough between the valves, more or less produced; lowest floret hermaphrodite, the second male or barren, the following, if present, barren, often minute. Glumes 2, persistent, narrow, keeled, acute and mucronate, very thin, or broad, and the upper obtuse, more or less bilobed and rounded on the back. Hermaphrodite floret; valve narrow or broad, 3-nerved, acute or obtuse, minutely 2-toothed, usually awned from below the apex, often ciliate; pale almost equalling the valve, 2-keeled; lodicules 2, minute, delicate, glabrous; stamens 3; ovary glabrous, styles distinct, short; stigmas laterally exserted. Male floret: valve and pale as in the hermaphrodite flower, but smaller and glabrous; rudimentary florets glabrous, awned or awnless, small to very small, usually without a trace of a pale; grain oblong, triquetrous; embryo rather large; hilum punctiform, basal.

Perennial or annual; leaves flat or folded; spikes solitary or several to many in

terminal umbels or short racemes; erect or stellately spreading.

C. pycnothrix, Trin.

Arcadia, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 8054; Mogg in Nat. Herb. H. 10086.

C. virgata, Schw.

Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 581; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, in black turf, Galpin M. 430; Springbox Flats, Waterberg, Saunders in Nat. Herb. H. 2138; Shilovane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. H. 4681; Standerton, Burtt-Davy 907; Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1650; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12797.

"Old lands grass." "Sweet grass," a useful hay-grass, known in the Orange Free

State as Kwas gras.

C. gayana, Kunth.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 5084; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4454, 4451; Experiment Station, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 2704.

"Rhodes grass." One of our best indigenous hay and pasture grasses, both frost

and drought resistant-very palatable.

C. petraea, Thunb.

Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 5381; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Baylis in Nat. Herb. H. 5376; De Kroon, Brits, Rustenburg, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 6115; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 431; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2345; downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4085; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1067; Smitskraal, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 10098.

LXII. TRIPOGON, Rott. (298).

Spikelets many flowered; flowers, perfect or the uppermost reduced, biseriate and unilateral on a slender terminal spike, disarticulating above the glumes. Glumes 1-nerved dissimilar, lower usually inequilateral, one margin being deeply notched or dilated suddenly below the middle into a lobe or wiry or segment; upper entire or notched below the mucronate or apiculate tip. Valves ovate dorsally convex, 2-fid, and awned in the eleft, or 4-fid, with the outer lobes awned and the inner membranous and rarely awned. Palea broad or narrow, complicate. Stamens 3. Styles very short. Grain very narrow, free.

Slender, densely tufted grasses; leaves usually convolute; ligule delicately hyaline

and fimbriate.

T. abyssinicus, Nees (ex Steud. Syn. Gram., 301).

Onderstepoort, Mogg in Nat. Herb. H. 18252; Komatipoort, Barberton, Schlechter 11841.

LXIII. DINEBRA, Jacq. (302).

Spikelets 2-3-flowered, small, crowded, biseriate unilateral on slender, spreading, or deflexed spikes that are collected in narrow, pyramidal racemes, disarticulating above the glumes. Glumes slightly unequal, persistent, lanceolate, 1-nerved, keeled and awned, much exceeding the valves. Valves very small, broadly ovate, subacute, hyaline 1-nerved. Palea hyaline. Anthers 3, small. Styles free. Grain ovoid, trigonous, wrinkled, free.

An annual, leafy grass; leaves flat. Ligules membranous.

D. arabica, Jacq. (Fragment, 77, t. 121).

Pienaars River, Pretoria District, in swam plands, Osborne in Nat. Herb.; Onderstepoort, Pole Evans 437; Crocodile River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 9293; Mosdene Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 526.

LXIV. ELEUSINE, Gaertn. (304).

Spikelets 3–6-flowered, laterally compressed, densely imbricate, alternately biscriate unilateral, sessile on a flattened rhachis, the uppermost terminal, perfect rhachilla disarticu lating above the glumes and between the valves, or tough, produced, sometimes terminating with a rudimentary valve. Florets \(\xi\). Glumes 2, subequal, persistent, obtuse or obscurely mucronate, membranous, strongly keeled, 3–5-nerved, the lateral nerves close to the keel, the lower shorter, with the keel crested. Valves very similar, 3-nerved near the base; lateral nerves submarginal above, with 1–2 short additional nerves close to the keel. Pales slightly shorter than the valves, 2-keeled, keels winged. Lodicules 2, minute, cuneate. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles slender from a broadened base, distinct. stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain broadly oblong to globose, broadly grooved; pericarp loose, delicate, breaking up irregularly or almost circumscissile; seed finely striate; embryo suborbicular, basal; hilum punctiform, basal.

E. indica, Gaertn.

Koster River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 146; Haenertsberg, Zoutpansberg, Legat in Nat. Herb. H. 140; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4432; Waterval Boven, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 1432; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1264; Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. H. 5910.

"Goose grass." A common annual weed throughout the Transvaal.

E. coracana, Gaertn.

Devon, Bethal, Moodie in Nat. Herb. H. 3429.

A species cultivated as a forage grass and also as a cereal, from which the natives brew a kind of beer; known to the natives as M'Poko.

LXV. DACTYLOCTENIUM, Willd. (305).

Spikelets 3-5-flowered, laterally compressed, densely imbricate, biseriate, sessile, unilateral on a flattened rhachis, the uppermost reduced; rhachilla tardily disarticulating above the glumes, tough between the valves. Florets \$\xi\$, the uppermost rudimentary. Glumes 2, unequal, strongly keeled, the lower ovate, acute, thin, persistent, the upper elliptic-oblong in profile, obtuse, mucronate or awned, firm, deciduous. Valves ovate, subacuminate, 3-nerved, mucronate or awned, deciduous with the grains. Pales about as long as the valves, 2-keeled, subpersistent. Lodicules 2, cuneate, minute. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, very long, subterminally exserted. Grain subglobose, slightly laterally compressed, not grooved or hollowed, rugose or punctate; pericarp very delicate, irregularly breaking away; embryo scarcely equalling half the length of the grain; hilum basal, punctiform.

Annual or perennial; leaves flat, subflaccid; spikes in umbels of 2-6, erect or stel-

lately spreading; tips of the rhachis barren, mucroniform, usually curved.

D. aegyptiacum, Willd.

Pretoria, Reck in Nat. Herb. H. 3968; Burtt-Davy 39; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1758; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 432.

"Crowfoot grass," occasionally cultivated as a hay crop.

LXVI. LOPHACME, Stapf (309A).

Spikelets laterally compressed, subsessile, somewhat distant on the long, slender, simple subdigitate branches of a panicle; rhachilla slender, glabrous, disarticulating above the glumes and between the two lowest valves, tough above. Florets, about 6, the lowest 2 \(\precept{\pi}\), shorter than the contiguous glumes, the following gradually reduced, barren, embracing each other and forming a tuft of awns. Glumes unequal, narrow, membranous, 1-nerved, keeled, persistent. Fertile valves linear-lanceolate in profile, 2-toothed, membranous, 3-nerved, with the side nerves evanescent above, finely awned from between the teeth; callus minutely hairy; barren valves entire, glabrous, passing into fine awns, without a callus. Pales very narrow, 2-keeled, slightly shorter than the valves. Lodicules 2, very minute, cuneate, hyaline. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas loosely plumose, laterally exserted. Grain unknown.

Perennial (?); blades flat; ligule a ciliate rim; paniele subdigitate, of very slender

somewhat flexuous spike-like racemes.

L. digitata, Stapf.

Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5468; Johannesburg, Bryant D. 11; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5468; Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. H. 997, H. 10644.

LXVII. CROSSOTROPIS, Stapf (309B).

Spikelets laterally compressed, subsessile, more or less distinctly 2-ranked on the rigid simple branches of a paniele; rhachilla slender, disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves. Florets 3–9, \$\psi\$, or the uppermost more or less reduced, equalling the glumes or slightly exserted, or over-topped by the awn-like tips of the glumes. Glumes subequal or equal, narrow, membranous, strongly 1-nerved, keeled, persistent. Valves somewhat distant, linear-oblong in profile, shortly 2-lobed, mucronate or shortly awned from the sinus, membranous, 3-nerved, side nerves submarginal, subpercurrent, rigidly ciliate, margins inflexed; callus small, hairy. Pales narrow, 2-keeled, slightly shorter than the valves. Lodicules 2, cuneate, small. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, very slender. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain oblong, strongly compressed from the back, concave or flat, enclosed by the slightly altered valve and pale; embryo about half the length of the grain; hilum basal, punctiform.

Annual or perennial; blades usually flat; ligules hyaline; panicle contracted and narrow, or open with the branches spreading at right angles; spikelets rather close to very distant, the uppermost terminal.

C. grandiglumis, Rendl.

The Willows, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 9952; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 434; Lydenburg Schlechter 3948; Natalspruit, Wentworth Sykes in Nat. Herb. H. 8887; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14093, 13041.

LXVIII. ENNEAPOGON, Desv. (310).

Spikelets 3-flowered, paniculate; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes, minutely scaberulous or almost smooth. Lowest floret $\mbox{\scale}$, the intermediate male or barren, the uppermost rudimentary, minute. Glumes 2, persistent, membranous, acute or obtuse or minutely truncate, 3–5- or sub-7-nerved. Hermaphrodite floret; valve very broad, rounded on the back, rather firm, more or less villous, 9-nerved, 9-awned; awns subulate, equal or subequal, plumose, ciliate or scaberulus; callus minute, short. Pale oblong, 2-keeled, exceeding the valve. Lodicules 2, minute, cuneate, fleshy. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, short. Stigmas laterally exserted, loosely plumose. Second floret like the lower, but the valve about half as long, glabrous, the ovary rudimentary or suppressed. Uppermost floret reduced to a tuft of minute awns. Grain oblong, dorsally more or less compressed; hilum punctiform, subbasal; embryo large, occupying three-quarters, or more, of the front.

Perennial, rarely subannual; blades usually narrow, often convolute; ligules reduced to a line of hairs; panicle contracted, more or less spike-like, elegantly bristly plumose

from the numerous awns.

E. pretoriensis, Stent (Bothalia, I, 174).

Wonderboom, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 8905; northern slopes of Magaliesberg, Pretoria, Fouche 1.

E. scoparius, Stapf.

Bushveld, Pretoria, Reck in Nat. Herb. H. 186; Bloemhof District, Proposal, Burtt-Davy 9473; Smitskraal, Burtt-Davy 12915; Christiana, Burtt-Davy 14128; Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1681.

LXIX. SCHMIDTIA, Steud. (312).

Spikelets closely 4-6-flowered; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves, joints extremely short, glabrous. Florets hermaphrodite, except the rudimentary uppermost one. Glumes 2, persistent, membranous, acute or subobtuse, 9-11-nerved. Valves broad, rounded on the back, rather firm and villous below, 9-nerved, five of the nerves excurrent into straight subulate scabrid awns, the four alternate ones into very thin lanceolate muticous lobes; callus slender, minute, bearded. Pales oblong, 2-keeled, rather longer than the body of the valves. Lodicules 2, minute, cuneate, fleshy. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, slender. Stigmas laterally exserted; loosely plumose. Grain oblong, dorsally compressed; hilum punctiform, subbasal; embryo large, occupying three-quarters or more of the back of the grain.

Perennial or annual (?); more or less glandular-pubescent; blades rather rigid, flat, or convolute; ligule a line of hairs; panicle contracted, narrow, oblong, or spike-like;

spikelets turgid, many-bristled.

S. bulbosa, Stapf.

Zandbult, near Warmbaths, Waterberg, Bateman in Nat. Herb. H. 10304; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 448; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14098; Schweizer Reneke, MacLaitchie in Nat. Herb. H. 8963; Kaffraria, Bloemhof District, Burtt-Davy 12945.

Bateman's specimens from Zandbult represents a form with very short awns.

This is known as "Sand quick," and is a useful pasture grass of the dry sandy regions of the Western Transvaal and Bechuanaland.

LXX. TRIRAPHIS, R. Br. (317).

Spikelets 5-15-flowered, laterally compressed, pedicelled, panicled; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves. Florets \$\neq\$, the uppermost gradually reduced. Glumes subequal, lanceolate to linear-lanceolate, acuminate or truncate, or minutely 2-toothed and aristulate, 1-nerved, keeled, thin. Valves oblong, 3-lobed, thin, 3-nerved, 3-awned, the middle lobe more or less bifid, awned from the sinus, the side lobes shorter, entire, asymmetric, awned from the inner side, margins inflexed, nerves ciliate, particularly the lateral; awns fine, scabrid, often longer than the valves; callus slender, acute, bearded. Pales linear or linear-oblong, somewhat shorter than the valves. Lodicules 2, cuneate, delicate, minute. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, slender. Stigmas laterally exserted, very slender, plumose. Grain tightly embraced by the scarcely changed valve and pale, linear, terete, or obtusely triquetrous; embryo short; hilum basal, punctiform.

Annual or perennial; blades narrow, linear; ligule a ciliate membranous rim; panicle contracted, spike-like, or open, much-branched; spikelets distinctly pedicelled.

T. Rehmanni, Hack.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 438; Henley-on-Klip, Heidelberg, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21141; Welverdiend, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 14581; Bloemhof District, Christiana, Burtt-Davy 1297, 13130; Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1683.

T. Schlechteri, Pilg.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 439.

Perennial; about 120 cm. high, culms simple, 5-noded internodes included or shortly exserted, except the uppermost, which is very long and long exserted. Sheaths terete, tight, and finely striate, the lower splitting into rigid fibres; ligule long ciliate; blades up to about 50 cm. long and 6-7 mm. wide, long, tapering to a fine setaceous point, primary lateral nerves about five on each side of and scarcely differing from the midrib, glabrous and smooth all over or slightly scaberulous beneath. Panicle about 37 cm. long, contracted; branches in fascicles, longest about 1.5 cm., branchlets and spikelets appressed; spikelets about 14 mm. long, including the awns—glumes reddish, bifid, mucronate lanceolate, scabrid, 1-nerved, lower 5 mm., upper 6 mm. long. Valves linear-lanceolate, 5 mm. long, middle awn about 5 mm. long; scabrid slightly longer than the scabrid side awns.

This agrees with Schlechter 11664, from Lourenco Marques in the Kew Herbarium, and which was distributed under Pilger's name T. Schlechteri. I can, however, find no reference in any literature to this species, and it appears that no description has been

published.

LXXI. FINGERHUTHIA, Nees. (326).

Spikelets strongly laterally compressed, in compact spike-like panicles, jointed on and deciduous from the pedicels; rhachilla tough. Florets 1, \(\tilde{\pi}\), or if more, then the uppermost \(\tilde{\gamma}\) or rudimentary. Glumes 2, subequal, narrow, thin, complicate, 1-nerved, keeled, shortly awned or mucronate. Valves oblong to lanceolate, mucronate, rather firm, 7–5- (rarely 3-) nerved, the upper smaller. Pales slightly shorter than the valves, ovate-oblong, 2-keeled, flaps broad. Lodicules 2, cuneate. Stamens 3. Ovary glabious, slightly constricted below the apex (at least, after fecundation). Styles distinct, rather long. Stigmas very slender, finely plumose, subterminally exserted. Grain unknown.

Perennial, caespitose; innovation shoots intravaginal; blades narrowly linear; ligule a dense line of silky hairs; panicle compact, spike-like; the lowest spikelets barren,

consisting of a few empty glumes.

F. africana, Lehm.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 5168; Springkok Flats, Waterberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4452, Burtt-Davy 1129; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 13078, 13099, 14123, 1497.

LXXIIA. ARUNDO, Linn. (331).

Spikelets 2–7-flowered, laterally compressed, in very compound panicles, rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves, joints short, glabrous; florets hermaphrodite, the uppermost reduced. Glumes equal, broadly lanceolate, shortly acuminate, keeled, membranous, 3–5-nerved. Valves more or less equalling the glumes, ovate to lanceolate-ovate, acuminate, finely bifid or entire, long hairy below, 5–9-nerved, three nerves more or less percurrent or excurrent, the rest short, the middle nerve often produced into a short, fine bristle; callus short, shortly bearded. Pales slightly exceeding half the length of the valve, 2-keeled. Lodicules 2, obovate, nerved, glabrous. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, almost as long as the laterally exserted plumose stigmas. Grain obovoid-oblong, broad, loosely enclosed by the valve and pale; hilum basal, punctiform; embryo occupying almost wholly one side of the grain.

Perennial, with creeping rhizomes, extravaginal shoots and very tall and stout culms; leaves rather evenly distributed over the culms; sheaths slightly exceeding the internodes; blades long, broad, flat; ligules very short, membranous; panicles large, much compound;

spikelets hairy.

A. donax, Linn.

Although this grass is not represented in the National Herbarium, it is known to occur fairly plentifully on river banks in the subtropical parts of the Transvaal.

LXXII. PHRAGMITES, Trin. (333).

Spikelets loosely 3-10-flowered, awnless, in large panicles; rhachilla disarticulating above the first and between the following valves, slender, glabrous, joints very short; lowest flower male or abortive, the following hermaphrodite, the uppermost florets reduced. Glumes thin, unequal to subequal, lanceolate, acute, more or less rounded on the back, 3-nerved, or the lowest sometimes sub-5-nerved. Valves heteromorphous, the lowest linear-lanceolate, much longer than the subtending glume, otherwise of a similar structure, quite glabrous, persistent, the following valves very thin, linear, long and more or less caudate-acuminate, 3-nerved, middle nerve percurrent, side nerves fine, short, callus long, slender, with very long silky hairs. Pales linear-oblong, about half as long as the valves. 2-keeled. Lodicules 2 (or sometimes 3 in the lowest floret), obovate, 2-3-nerved, glabrous, Stamens 3, or 2 in the lowest floret. Ovary glabrous, in the lowest flower rudimentary or quite suppressed. Styles distinct, rather short. Stigmas laterally exerted, densely plumose. Grain loosely enclosed by the valve and pale, free, oblong, semiterete; hilum oblong, short basal; embryo about half as long as the grain.

Perennials with a creeping rhizome; extravaginal innovation shoots, and tall sheathed annual or perennial culms; blades flat; ligule a narrow, ciliate, membranous rim; panicle lax, usually very large and much compound; spikelets conspicuously silky from the long

callus hairs.

P. communis, Trin.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. H. 610; Selous River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 158; Komatipoort, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 358; Lichtenburg, Burtt-Davy 62; Zeerust, Marico, Burtt-Davy 120; Vlakfontein, near Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4039.

LXXIII. POGONARTHRIA, Stapf (337A).

Spikelets laterally compressed, subsessile, more or less imbricate, secund on the irregularly spirally arranged branches of a panicle; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves, tips of the joints ciliate. Florets 2-8, \$\xi\$. Glumes rigidly

membranous, 1-nerved. Valves oblong, rigidly membranous, acuminate, quite glabrous, 3-nerved; side nerves evanescent above the middle. Pales 2-keeled, slightly shorter than the valves. Lodicules 2, minute, delicate. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose. Grain tightly embraced by the scarcely altered valve and pale, linear-oblong, obtusely triquetrous or oval in cross-section; embryo less than half the length of the grain; hilum basal, punctiform.

Perennial, stiff; blades rigid, usually convolute; ligule a fringe of cilia; panicles straight, with spreading, more or less curved, branches in irregular spirals; spikelets

secund, crowded, livid, purplish or dark grey.

P. falcata, Rendl.

The Pyramids, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4478; Henley-on-Klip, Heidelberg, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21145; Barberton, Burtt-Davy 8011; Pruizen, Pietpotgieters-rust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2220; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 449; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1110; Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy 2403; Slurry, Marico, O'Connor in Nat. Herb. H. 18962; Shilavane, Zoutpansberg, Junod in Nat. Herb. 4685; Waterval Boven, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 1425; Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1653, 1682; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14129, 14152.

A coarse wiry grass of little value, except when quite young.

LXXIV. **DIPLACHNE**, Beauv. (337).

Mostly perennial; tufted, somewhat coarse grasses; blades long, narrow, flat or involute; ligules membranous, sometimes reduced to a rim; panicles consisting of slender usually long, simple, loosely spike-like and more or less distant branches; spikelets light,

or olive-green, often tinged with purple and dark.

D. fusca, Beauv.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 3367; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 540; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 11410, 12788.

D. biflora, Hack.

Eloff's Plantation, Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5446; Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. H. 3546; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4427; downs, Zoutpansberg, on open veld, Junod 4106; Waterval Boven, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 1407.

LXXV. ERAGROSTIS, Beauv. (341).

Spikelets usually strongly laterally compressed, pedicelled in open or contracted panicles, rarely sessile in simple or compound spikes, very rarely articulate on the pedicels; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves or tough and persistent, glabrous, sometimes more or less scaberulous, very rarely minutely hairy. Florets 2 to many, Σ , or the uppermost reduced. Glumes unequal or equal, usually membranous,

1-nerved, or the upper sometimes 3-nerved, keeled, persistent or deciduous. Valves more or less imbricate, ovate to lanceolate, acute to obtuse, entire, muticous, membranous to chartaceous, 3-nerved, glabrous, very rarely minutely pubescent; side nerves short or almost percurrent. Pales equal to the valves or slightly shorter, membranous, 2-keeled, deciduous or persistent on the rhachilla. Lodicules 2, small, cuneate, more or less fleshy. Stamens 3, rarely 2. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain enclosed by the scarcely altered valve and pale and deciduous with them, or more commonly falling with the deciduous valve, leaving the more or less persistent pale behind, oblong to obovoid or globose, round or very obtusely triquetrous or quadrangular in cross-section; pericarp thin, sometimes slightly swelling or separating; embryo often half as long as the grain (or sometimes longer); hilum punctiform, basal.

Perennial or annual, of very varying habit; blades narrow; ligule reduced to a fringe of usually minute hairs; panicles lax to effuse or contracted to spike-like, or transformed into simple or compound spikes; spikelets usually more or less olive-green or olive-grey

breaking up variously, very rarely deciduous as a whole.

E. caesia, Stapf.

Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1344.

E. curvula, Nees.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4375, 4365; Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 5162; Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 32; Germiston, Fenn 8742; Elsbury, Witwatersrand, Rogers 12147; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2065; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 451; Zoutpansberg, Methuen in Nat. Herb. H. 8802; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1327; Helvetia, near Machadodorp, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 7246; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 2986, 7389, 2961; Athol, Ermelo, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 98; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 2166; Welverdiend, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 14563; Vlakfontein, Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4146.

A useful pasture grass.

E. lehmanniana, Nees.

Pyramid Estate, near Potgieters, Waterberg, Galpin 8904; Crocodile River, Rustenburg, Burtt-Davy 9301; Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1651, 1637; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14139, 14149, 13447.

E. chloromelas, Steud.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 4362; Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3847; Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3945; Lydenburg, Schlechter 3969; Panplaats, Pan Station, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13331; Ermelo, Tennant in Nat. Herb. H. 6954; Davel, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 1656; Standerton, Burtt-Davy 3319; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1478; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 11701; Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1640.

E. chloromelas would appear to be a very variable species—some of the specimens quoted above are very dissimilar in appearance and yet agree, more or less, with Stapf's description of the species. Many of the specimens previously placed under E. chloromelas, E. nebulosa, or E. curvula in the National Herbarium I have separated out into distinct groups which appear to me to represent distinct species. These I am recording below

simply as sp. A, sp. B, etc., pending a revision of the whole genus.

E. sp. A. Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 844; Schweizer Reneke, Burtt-Davy 1643.

A species with a rather stout, leafy culm, erect or geniculate, basal sheaths up to 9 cm. long, rigidly convolute leaves, long, rather contracted panicle and narrow linear, few-flowered spikelets.

E. sp. B.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3557.

Densely caespitose, with rigid basal sheaths, slender culms, rigidly convolute leaves, spreading ovoid panicle, and broader and rather obtuse few-flowered spikelets.

E. sp. C.

Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 13659; Beginsel Farm, Standerton, Burtt-

Davy 927, 1018; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 13062.

Densely caespitose, with short, whitish, rather thin basal sheaths, finer leaves, panicle ovate spreading or slightly contracted, and rather short contracted branchlets.

E. sp. D.

Henley-on-Klip, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21128; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, almin 8901

In habit very like sp. B, and may be the same species with narrower spikelets.

E. sp. E.

Welverdiend Station, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 14598; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 13062; Machavie Station, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1481.

Near to E. Burchellii (ex descr.), but spikelets 4-7-flowered, keels of the valves scabrid.

E. sp. F.

Meintjes Kop, Pretoria, Pole Evans 438; Henley-on-Klip, Heidelberg, Stent

in Nat. Herb. H. 21146; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Galpin 8901.

Culms slender, $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 ft. high—leaves very narrow and setaceously convolute and flexuous, panicle delicate with numerous very fine capillary divisions and scattered, 2-4-flowered, spikelets, conspicuously white bearded in the axils of the branches and branchlets A very distinct species.

E. sp. G.

Gezina, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21470; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Galpin 8903; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 453.

E. nebulosa, Stapf.

Vlakfontein, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy, 4164; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 13672.

E. porosa, Nees.

Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12795, 12803.

E. bicolor, Nees.

Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Galpin 8899; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1132.

E. Wilmsii, Stapf.

In moist places near Pretoria, Schlechter 4155.

E. Burttdavii, Stent (in Bothalia, I, 176).
Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 10506.

E. sporoboloides, Stapf.

Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5478; near Bamboesspruit, Bloemhof,

Burtt-Davy 1519.

MacDonald's specimen has a panicle 15 cm. long and often 5-flowered spikelets and may, when the revision of the genus is undertaken, have to be placed under a separate species.

E. atherstonei, Stapf.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 443; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 859; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8902; near Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1608.

One of the dominant grasses round Vryburg, Cape Province, and found mostly in association with *E. lehmanniana*. Atherston's specimen from Lydenburg in the Kew Herbarium, on which Stapf founded the species, is very poor and not typical of the grass—it has a narrow panicle, erect unbranched culms, and 3–4-flowered spikelets. Round Vryburg, where the grass is abundant, the culms are usually geniculate and much-branched and the panicles often 8 cm. broad and 17 cm. long, while glands are not always present below the nodes. There is no doubt, however, that the grass collected by Atherston at Lydenburg is the same as those quoted above and as the Vryburg grass.

E. plana, Nees.

Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 827; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1998, 2082; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Galpin 8897; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 538; Houtboschberg, Burtt-Davy 1256; Vlakfontein, near Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4011; Standerton, Burtt-Davy 889; Carolina, Burtt-Davy 2964; Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. H. 5909.

"Os-gras." "A hard, wiry, tufted grass, much grazed, when young, by horses, mules,

and oxen, but soon becoming too hard and wiry."-Burtt-Davy.

"Only grass I have found that can hold its own with Kikuyu."—MacCallum.

E. biflora, Hack.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 445; Mailas Kop, Schlechter 4559.

E. sp. H.

Turffontein, Johannesburg, Bryant B. 68: Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9139; Vierfontein, Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1647.

Annual; near to E. bicolor, but taller and more robust with larger spikelets of usually 3 florets. Rhachilla continued beyond the terminal floret.

E. Galpinii, Stent (in Bothalia, I, 176).

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 456; Pyramid Estate, near Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8900; near Nylstroom, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2034; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1149; Letaba River, Zoutpansberg, Junod 2350.

E. patentissima, Hack.

Experiment Farm, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9364.

E. denudata, Hack.

Groenkloof, Pretoria, *Phillips H.* 21682; Warmbaths, Waterberg, *Burtt-Davy* 1144; Vierfontein, Schweizer Reneke, Bloemhof, *Burtt-Davy* 1624; Christiana, Bloemhof, *Burtt-Davy* 12992, 14130, 11412, 11397.

E. sclerantha, Nees.

Spionkop, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9240; Booth and Bell in Nat. Herb. H. 3400; Grasdale, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 9263.

E. chalcantha, Trin.

Eloff's Plantation, Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5447; Sunnyside Kopjes, Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5457; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3805; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 1668; Derby Station, Marico, Burtt-Davy 7167; Beginsel Farm, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 930, 1017; Blesbokspruit, Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 951; Henley-on-Klip, Heidelberg, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 21136; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9159; Pan Station, Middelburg, Burtt-Davy 13308; near Zeerust, Marico, Burtt-Davy 7193; downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4097, 4102; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1066; Vaal River, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 1506.

"A short leafy grass, common on Rooi grasveld and giving a nice leafy bite for sheep."—Burtt-Davy.

E. pallens, Hack.

Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 459; Vaal River, Bloemhof,

Burtt-Davy 1058; near Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 9623.

Burchell's 2190, on which Stapf has founded his species E. dura, is an undeveloped specimen of E. pallens.

E. major, Hack.

Hamanskraal, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1092; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 462; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1143; Standerton, Burtt-Davy 1782; Vlakfontein, Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4056; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1216.

"Stink gras," an introduced weed.

E. barbinodis, Hack.

Wonderboom, Pretoria, *Pole Evans* in *Nat. Herb.* H. 21472; Hamanskraal, Pretoria, *Burtt-Davy* 1087; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, *Galpin M.* 450, 455; Naboomspruit, *Mogg* in *Nat. Herb.* H. 11665; near Nylstroom, *Burtt-Davy* 2066, 1997; Krabbefontein, Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, *Burtt-Davy* 2368.

Perennial; often with long surface stolons that root at the nodes and send up fascicles of barren shoots and flowering culms. Panicle often more or less contracted and up to

20 cm. long.

E. superba, Nees.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 5104; Hamanskraal, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1093; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 463; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 9078; Warmbaths, Burtt-Davy 2227; Komatipoort, Barberton, Burtt-Davy 371; near Magatas Nek, Zoutpansberg, Burtt-Davy 152; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 14140, 14095.

E. brizoides, Nees.

Eloff's Plantation, Pretoria, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 5475; Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1181; The Willows, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 4490; Houghton Estate, Johannesburg, Bryant C. 34; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Galpin 8906; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. H. 4463; crags and downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4095; Belfast, Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 1374; Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 9047; Uitgevallen, Heidelberg, Burtt-Davy 9163; Beginsel Farm, Standerton, Burtt-Davy 3079; Amsterdam, Ermelo, MacDonald in Nat. Herb. H. 100; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 3877, Tennant in Nat. Herb. H. 6970, Burtt-Davy 3917.

E. obtusa, Munro.

Skinners Court, Pretoria (cult.?), Aaron in Nat. Herb. H. 7902; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1064; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12497, 1512, 11411.

E. lappula, Nees, var. divaricata, Stapf.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1021; Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2400.

E. aspera, Nees.

Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 2418; Magoebas Kloof, Zoutpansberg, Mogg in Nat. Herb. H. 10668; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 446; Tzaneen, Zoutpansberg, Sampson in Nat. Herb. 4443.

E. gummiflua, Nees.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3806; Turffontein, Johannesburg, Bryant D. 5; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 457; Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Waterberg, Galpin 8905; Springbok Flats, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1127; Warmbaths, Waterberg, Burtt-Davy 1146; Potgietersrust, Burtt-Davy 2340; downs, Zoutpansberg, Junod 4105; Waterval Boven, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 1440; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 1658; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1070; Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12785, 14153.

E. ciliaris, Link.

Barberton, Burtt-Davy 8012.

E. namaquensis, Nees.

Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Galpin 8896; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Galpin M. 539.

- E. viscosa, Trin. (Mem. Acad. Petersb., Ser. VI, i, 1831, 397).

 Pyramid Estate, Potgietersrust, Galpin 8908.
- E. abyssinica, Schrad. [Linnaea XII (1838), 450].

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 2126; Groenkloof, Pretoria, Goodwin in Nat. Herb. H. 8782; Mosdene, Naboomspruit, Waterberg, Galpin M. 440; Welverdiend Station, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 14596.

Escape from cultivation—" Teff."

LXXVI. KOELERIA, Pers. (346).

Spikelets laterally compressed in spike-like panicles; rhachilla glabrous or finely hairy, disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves, produced with or without a rudimentary valve. Florets 1–5, \(\xi\), or the uppermost more or less reduced. Glumes 2, persistent, subequal or unequal, subacute to acuminate, keeled, the lower usually 1-nerved or like the upper 3-nerved, margins hyaline. Valves exceeding the glumes, acute or obtuse with the margins and tips broadly hyaline, 3–5-nerved; side nerves usually faint, conniving above, middle nerve percurrent or excurrent into a mucro or a short subterminal awn; callus very minute, glabrous. Pales shorter than the valves or almost as long, 2-keeled, 2-toothed, conspicuously hyaline and white. Lodicules 2, hyaline. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles distinct, very short. Stigmas laterally exserted, plumose. Grain oblong, laterally compressed, whitish, soft, tightly embraced by the hardened back of the valve; hilum basal, short, obscure; embryo small.

Perennial or annual; blades usually very narrow; ligules hyaline; panicle usually cylindric, often interrupted, glabrous and glistening from the hyaline white margins of the

valves and pales, or more or less hairy.

K. cristata, Pers.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Stent in Nat. Herb. H. 4364; Leeuwpoort, Carolina, Burtt-Davy 7438; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 5467; near Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 4130; Volksrust, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 5354; Vlakfontein, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 9038.

LXXVII. STIBURUS, Stapf (371A).

Spikelets laterally compressed, subsessile or shortly pedicelled, in spike-like cylindric panicles; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves. Florets 4–5, \(\neq \), the uppermost reduced, shortly exserted from the glumes. Glumes equal or subequal, membranous, lanceolate, caudate-acuminate, 1-nerved. Valves very similar to the glumes, but 3-nerved; callus very minute. Pales shorter than the valves, 2-keeled. Lodicules 2, minute, hyaline, cuneate. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles short, distinct. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain enclosed by the hardly changed valve and pale, free, oblong, terete; embryo short; hilum basal, punctiform.

Perennial; tufted; blades very narrow, usually subsetaceous, long; ligule a ciliate

rim; panicle cylindric, dense, usually dark purple, greyish-villous.

S. alopecurioides, Stapf.

Houtbosch, Schlechter 4747.

LXXVIII. POA, Linn. (378).

Spikelets mostly 2-6-flowered, in loose or close (rarely in spike-like) panicles; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves, glabrous or scantily and minutely hairy; flowers hermaphrodite or the upper imperfect. Glumes thin, membranous, keeled, acute or obtuse, 1-3-nerved. Valves membranous, sometimes rather firm, obtuse or acute, 5-7-nerved; callus small, obtuse, often with a tuft of long wool. Pales shorter than the valves, 2-keeled. Lodicules 2, more or less 2-lobed. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles short, free. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted. Grain ovoid, oblong or linear, often grooved, free or adherent to the pale; hilum punctiform, basal; embryo small.

Annual or perennial; blades flat and flaccid or convolute, and more or less rigid; ligules hyaline; panicles open, often effuse, rarely contracted, spike-like; spikelets rather

small, awnless.

P. annua, L.

Irene, near Pretoria, Van der Byl in Nat. Herb. H. 5258; Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 401; Belfast, Burtt-Davy 1390; Caledon, Lake Chrissie, Ermelo, Hamilton in Nat. Herb. H. 6740; Volksrust, Wakkerstroom, Meyer in Nat. Herb. H. 7783; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 1034.

LXXIX. BROMUS, Linn. (389).

Spikelets laterally compressed, at least, after flowering, variously panicled; rhachilla disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves. Florets usually numerous, \(\xi\), the uppermost reduced. Glumes more or less unequal, acute to acuminate, persistent, lower 1–7-, upper 3–9-, nerved, and sometimes mucronate or aristulate. Valves lanceolate or broadly oblong, rounded on the back or keeled, 5–13-nerved, usually awned; awn terminal (rarely 3 or 0) or somewhat distant from the often 2-toothed tip, straight or recurved and then often loosely twisted below, not kneed. Pales entire or bifid; keels usually rigidly ciliolate or ciliate. Lodicules 2, oblong or lanceolate, entire or lobed. Stamens 3, rarely 2. Ovary obovoid with an often large, villous, 3- or 2-lobed terminal appendage. Styles short, lateral on the appendage. Stigmas plumose, laterally exserted, or in the cleistogamic species permanently enclosed. Grain linear to linear-oblong, convexoconcave, and usually adherent to the valve and pale, or at least to the latter; hilum filiform long; embryo small.

Annual or perennial, or very varying habit; blades linear, flat, often flaccid; ligules membranous, hyaline; panicle contracted, often very dense, or open, and even effuse, or reduced to a raceme; spikelets rather large, erect or pendulous, from ovoid to linear-cuneate:

awns very long or short, sometimes reduced to a mucro or 0.

B. leptocladus, Nees.

Groenkloof, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 10958; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 4166; Volksrust, Wakkerstroom, Nourse in Nat. Herb. H. 6196.

B. unioloides, H. B. K.

Irene, near Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 3841; Lydenburg, Burtt-Davy 413; Vlakfontein, Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Burtt-Davy 9035; Kolonies Plaats, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 9080.

"Rescue grass" (naturalized). One of the best winter grasses, relished by all stock,

susceptible to smut in the Karroo.

B. tectorum, Linn.

Skinners Court, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 1909.

B. inermis, L.

Groenkloof, Pretoria, Melle in Nat. Herb. H. 11555.

With the exception of B. unioloides, which is known as Rescue or Prairie grass, the Bromus spp. are introduced weeds.

LXXX. LOLIUM, Linn. (395).

Spikelets usually more or less compressed, 2-ranked, alternate, sessile in the hollows of the rhachis of a simple spike; rhachilla glabrous, disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves. Florets 3-11, or sometimes more, \(\neq\) or the uppermost reduced. Glumes of terminal spikelets equal and similar, lower suppressed in the lateral spikelets, upper linear to oblong, obtuse to acute, flat or slightly rounded, coriaceous, prominently 7-9-nerved. Valves oblong, rounded on the back, subobtuse, minutely 2-toothed (or acute in profile), more or less chartaceous except at the short hyaline tips, glabrous, 5-nerved, muticous or awned; awn a straight bristle from close to the tip. Pales equalling the valves or nearly so, 2-keeled, keels more or less crested. Stamens 3. Lodicules 2, lanceolate with a lateral tooth. Ovary glabrous, truncate. Styles distinct, very short. Stigmas laterally exserted, plumose. Grain elliptic-oblong to linear-oblong, tightly enclosed by the valve and pale, adhering to both; embryo short; hilum linear, almost as long as the grain.

Annual or perennial; blades linear, flat; ligules hyaline; spikes terminal; spikelets more or less erect, 2-ranked, with the (upper) glume opposite the hollow of the rhachis.

L. temulentum, L.

Onderstepoort, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy in Nat. Herb. H. 5105; Zwartkoppies, Pretoria, Burtt-Davy 7095; Vogelfontein, near Germiston, Witwatersrand, Macdonald in Nat. Herb. H. 6675; Ermelo, Burtt-Davy 3889; Belfast, Lydenburg, Lewis in Nat. Herb. H. 5007; Amersfoort, Wakkerstroom, Robertson in Nat. Herb. H. 16576; Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 852, 1762.

"Darnel" (drabok). A weed in grain fields; injurious to stock and to humans.

L. multiflorum, Lam.

Koloneis Plaats, Potchefstroom, Burtt-Davy 9086. Perennial rye-grass—escape from cultivation.

LXXXI OROPETIUM, Trin. (398).

Spikelets sessile, solitary, more or less immersed in the hollows of the rhachis of a simple distichous terminal spike; rhachilla very slender, glabrous, disarticulating above the glumes and between the valves. Florets 1-4, \(\tilde{\pi}\), or uppermost rudimentary, shorter than the upper glume. Glumes of terminal spikelet equal and similar, lower glume of the lateral spikelets suppressed or (if present) more or less reduced, sometimes split in two, upper very narrow, rigid, except at the hyaline margins, subacute to acuminate, 1-3-nerved, nerves often more or less confluent into a broad rigid midrib. Valves oblong or lanceolate in profile, elliptic to broadly oblong when expanded, distinctly or obscurely keeled, at least in the upper part, truncate or minutely 3-toothed, hyaline, glabrous, hairy along the nerves, finely 3-nerved; callus bearded. Pales equalling the valves, faintly 2-nerved. Lodicules 2, minute, cuneate. Stamens 3. Ovary glabrous. Styles slender, distinct. Stigmas laterally exserted. Grain oblong, subterete or slightly compressed from the sides; embryo about one-third the length of the grain; hilum punctiform, basal.

Dwarf, densely tufted perennials, rarely annuals; blades setaceous; ligule hyaline, ciliate, short; spikes very slender, straight or gradually curved; spikelets closely or loosely 2-ranked on the opposite or subopposite sides of the rhachis.

O. capense, Stapf.

Christiana, Bloemhof, Burtt-Davy 12782.

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